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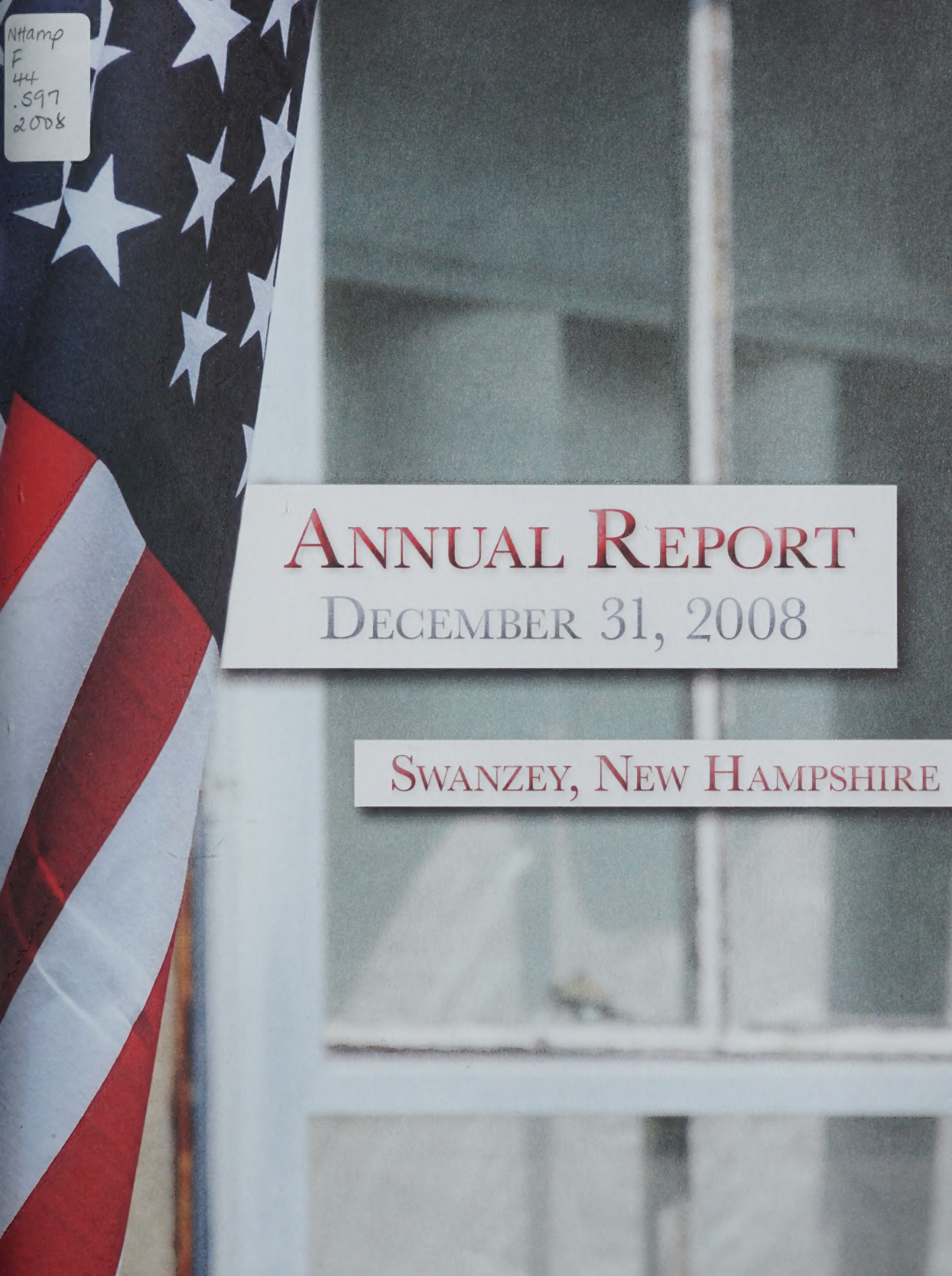

Annual Report

December 31, 2008

Swanzey, New Hampshire

OFFICE HOURS AND REGULAR MEETINGS

TOWN HALL
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Land Use, Finance,
Assessing, General Assistance, Sewer Commission, Town Administrator

Weekdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM except Holidays
Town Hall Telephone Number 603-352-7411
NH Relay TDD 1-800-735-2964
FAX 603-352-6250
www.town.swanzey.nh.us

SELECTMEN
Wednesday evenings, 6:00 PM (as scheduled)

Nancy L. Carlson	352-3768 (Home)
Bruce L. Tatro	352-3904 (Home)
Deborah J. Davis	357-4435 (Home)

PLANNING BOARD
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 PM
(except February)

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:00 PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM

SEWER COMMISSIONERS
1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2nd Monday of each month, 5:00 PM

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am to noon
Thursday evening, 5:00-6:30 PM
or by appointment

PUBLIC SAFETY
TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY
Police, Fire, Ambulance
9-1-1

Police Administration	352-2869
Fire Administration	358-6455

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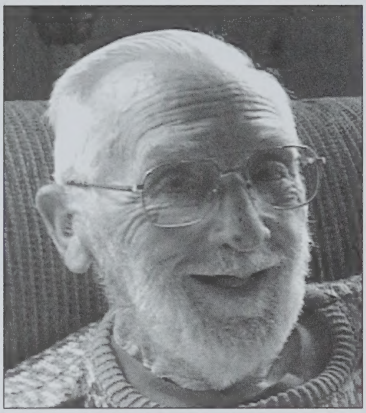
SWANZEY
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the year ending December 31, 2008



Hear ye! Hear ye! The Swanzey Selectmen ask all of the good people in Swanzey to congratulate Walt Calkins on said declaration of the Town Song, and to celebrate Swanzey with him as he performs his duties as Troubadour Laureate.

NOT OUR VILLAGE, BUT OUR TOWN

IT SPELLS SWANZEY

by Walt "Mattie" Calkins

S – is for the smiles town people gave me.
W – waving to neighbors.
A – you're always welcome to our village.
N – new friends as well as old.
Z – is for the way we pronounce Swan-z.
E – let's end our differences.
Y – is for yes these letters spell Swanzey.
Not your village nor my village, but our town.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICIALS OF SWANZEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

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George Kempton House, Westport
burned January 20, 1941

Cover photography and design by Monadnock Regional High School senior Evan Barlow.

Evan noted the crisp flag hanging against a weathered Westport Village building when he was collecting images for his senior project, a movie called "Swanzey Rural Character." Commissioned by the Open Space Committee, and inspired by interviews with over 65 Swanzey citizens, the film celebrates Swanzey's people, traditions and special places. The film premieres on May 30, 2009, at Monadnock Regional High School.

2008 TOWN OFFICIALS
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR

Alfred C. Lerandeau	Term expires 2010

SELECTMEN

Bruce L. Tatro, Chair	Term expires 2009
Nancy L. Carlson	Term expires 2011
Deborah J. Davis	Term expires 2010

TOWN CLERK

Deirdre A. Geer (resigned)	Term expires 2009

TREASURER

W. William Hutwelker, III (*position designated as appointed TM 2008)	Term expires 2009*

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Lynda Faulkner	Term expires 2010
Eileen Thompson	Term expires 2014
Ruth Snyder	Term expires 2012

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Robert Beauregard	Term expires 2011
Jane Fortson	Term expires 2010
Frederic Peters	Term expires 2009

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Glenn W. Page, Chair	Term expires 2011
Larry Crowder	Term expires 2010
William Snyder	Term expires 2009

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

W. William Hutwelker, III Chair	Term expires 2010
Charles Beauregard, Sr.	Term expires 2011
Robert Mitchell	Term expires 2011
Keith Thibault, Vice Chair	Term expires 2009
Jennifer Gregory	Term expires 2009
Martin Geheran, alternate	Term expires 2010
Robert DeRocher, alternate	Term expires 2009
Robert Smith, alternate	Term expires 2011
Bryan Rudgers, alternate	Term expires 2009
Deirdre A. Geer, alternate	Term expires 2011

PLANNING BOARD

Glenn W. Page, Chair	Term expires 2011
Scott Self, Vice Chair	Term expires 2010
June Fuerderer	Term expires 2011
Victoria Barlow	Term expires 2009
Charles Beauregard, Sr.	Term expires 2009
Steve Russell	Term expires 2010
Jeanne Thieme, alternate	Term expires 2010
David Belletete, alternate	Term expires 2011
David Osgood, alternate	Term expires 2009
Selectmen's Representative	Assigned on rotating basis

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Arthur Boufford	Term expires 2009

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Judy Bohannon, Chair	Term expires 2009
Polly Seymour	Term expires 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Stephen Stepenuck, Chair	Term expires 2011
Deb Crowder	Term expires 2010
Michael Morrison	Term expires 2010
Paul Daniello	Term expires 2011
Robert Wyman,resigned	Term expires 2009
Michael Day	Term expires 2009
Barbara Sherman Glidden	Term expires 2009
Gerald Babonis	Term expires 2009
Grace Lilly, alternate,resigned	Term expires 2010
Tiffany Mannion, alternate,resigned	Term expires 2009
Jane B. Johnson, alternate	Term expires 2009
Robert Goodrich, alternate	Term expires 2010

SWANZEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Jo Gregory	Ernest Perry
Mary Faulkner	Eileen Wheelock

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Victoria Reck Barlow, Chair	Term expires 2010
Deb Crowder	Term expires 2009
Theresa DiLuzio	Term expires 2009
Katherine Feist	Term expires 2010
Daniel Zeh	Term expires 2011
Jeanne Thieme	Term expires 2011
Bruce L. Tatro, Selectmen's Representative	

SWANZEY REVENUE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

David Krisch, Chair	Term expires 2011
Larry Crowder, Vice-Chair	Term expires 2009
Gary Davis	Term expires 2010
Glenn W. Page	Term expires 2011
Adrian Pinney	Term expires 2009

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Robert Pinckney, Chair	Term expires 2010
Deborah J. Davis	Term expires 2011
Victoria Barlow	Term expires 2009
David Osgood	Term expires 2011
Robert Beauregard	Term expires 2009
Larry Crowder	Term expires 2009

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

H. Gregory Johnson, Chair	Term expires 2009
Gus Lerandeau, Vice Chair	Term expires 2011
Arthur Boufford	Term expires 2009
David Carins	Term expires 2010
Bill Hutwelker	Term expires 2010
Eric Stanley	Term expires 2011
Mary Ryan	Term expires 2010

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The town's annual report provides readers with the opportunity to gain information on town's financial matters and programs, various department, board and committee activities, as well as a retrospective on events of the past year and a look into our town's future. The Selectmen's Report seeks to briefly highlight those activities. The individual reports submitted by departments and committees of the town present a summary of the variety of activities conducted by the government of the largest town in Cheshire County.

Some of the issues and activities to which we wish to draw attention include:

- The town's first full time career firefighter, Fire Chief Norm Skantze, came on board in October. A full time manager for the fire department provides the support needed to ensure that our volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel can be successful (and safe) in fulfilling their mission to provide service to our town. An administrative headquarters for the department has been established at West Station and renovations to better accommodate this use are now underway. As approved by voters, an Advisory Committee (which included members of the fire department, public safety organizations and citizens) assisted Selectmen in the recruitment process. We express our appreciation to committee members Charlie Beauregard, Bruce Bohannon, Mark Boynton, Mike Bresnahan, Rich Busick, Darren Naeck, Sue Simonds and Dave Whipple.
- A new advisory committee focused on the town's economic climate was established by the Board in 2008. This committee's charge includes the development of strategies and initiatives to promote the town as a place to grow or start a business and strengthen the identity of Swanzey in our region and state.
- Reconstruction of the road connecting Carlton Road to South Road in the east village was completed resulting in the construction of a retaining wall known as "The Great Wall of Swanzey". FEMA and the State of New Hampshire funded a large portion of the work required to stabilize this road's embankment and original 14' "one way – at a time" lane. Selectmen elected to invest additional town dollars to reconstruct this connecting road as a 20' two lane highway. It is hoped that these improvements will reduce traffic traveling through the historic east village along Webber Hill to Flat Roof Mill Road.
- The town's work, in partnership with several state, federal and non-profit agencies who are spearheading the planned removal of the Homestead Woolen Mill Dam, continued in 2008. It is hoped that this work will culminate in 2009 with removal of the dam and installation of scour countermeasures to protect the town's Thompson Covered Bridge. The town's project, focused on protection of the covered bridge, is currently in design. The plan in development includes installation of a containment structure below water level around the bridge pier and barbs upstream designed to direct the river's flow through the bridge's spans and away from its pier and abutments. Dam removal plans call for installation of 3 rock vane structures spanning the river at the existing dam location to facilitate fish passage for shad, the project's target species. The vanes will also maintain a higher water level between the covered bridge and the northernmost rock structure than other removal alternatives considered. Since public meetings first raising the question of the dam's removal and its impact on the covered bridge began in 2000, we hope that this project will be complete before the end of this decade.
- Almost all of Swanzey's residents were more fortunate than our neighbors to the east who, as a result of an ice storm in mid-December, went days or weeks without essential utility services and whose properties were damaged by falling trees and limbs which blocked roads and driveways. Through the mutual aid system, Swanzey personnel provided assistance to Jaffrey (with our DPW assisting to clear roads) as well as Peterborough and Temple (with our firefighters and equipment manning stations). While providing this assistance we were grateful that our town was in large part unscathed. The experiences of our neighbors did emphasize the need to improve our emergency power capacity at essential facilities. Projects resulting in acquisition of a generator and transfer switch at the West Station and a larger generator (equipped to run all essential systems) at the Police Department/Emergency Operations Center are underway. This year's recommended budget includes funding, to be used to match grant dollars, to update both the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan. The Board commends Emergency Management Director Bruce

Bohannon for his leadership on these projects and continuing efforts to make certain that, in the event of an emergency, our town's "team" is prepared.

- The Town's Open Space Committee was honored by the Monadnock Conservancy's bestowal of the "Philip Faulkner Award" recognizing this group's community service "blending thoughtful land use planning and conservation with well-conceived community development and included a high degree of collaboration among many stakeholders". We are grateful to have such a dedicated and talented group of citizens working to preserve our town's rural character. Their efforts to seek outside resources to support our community's priorities should be commended.
- "Swanzey Rural Character" will premiere on May 30, 2009 at the MRHS auditorium. The hour-long film celebrates Swanzey's special people, traditions and places. The film was inspired by interviews with 65 citizens, and was undertaken by a MRHS student as his senior project under the stewardship of the town's Open Space Committee. The Swanzey Rural Character project has grown to include an archive of oral histories at the Historical Museum, as well as designation of Swanzey's Troubadour Laureate.
- The Granite State Rural Water Association honored the Sewer Commission's Chief Operator Scott Self as its "Operator of the Year" during 2008. Scott should be applauded for the innovative, practical and cost effective solutions he has designed and implemented. They assist the Town in its efforts to meet the challenges posed by the operating permit issued for the town's wastewater treatment plant in the west village.
- As 2008 drew to a close, we were honored to have a Moore Nanotechnologies Systems recognized by the State of New Hampshire for its innovative spirit as "Company of the Year". We are proud that our town was selected as the site for this company's new facility currently under construction in the town's tax increment financing district.

In the hopes of improving voter participation in the town and school's district official ballot voting on March 10th, polling hours have been expanded. We encourage you to come to the polls between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. to cast your votes on issues facing our town and school district. Questions facing voters include election of officers, zoning amendments, budgets for the town and school district, organization of the school board, facility improvements and others.

The Selectmen wish to thank our town's volunteers, board, committee and commission members, firefighters, rescue and emergency management personnel and employees in all the Town's departments for their commitment to serve, as it is the key ingredient in our town's successes. Much of what happens in our town is dependent upon volunteer efforts. If you have an interest – sports, hiking, biking, history, public safety, gardening, reading, working with kids or the elderly – we can use you! To keep up to date on what is happening in your town, visit Swanzey's web page at www.town.swanzey.nh.us.

Bruce L. Tatro Nancy L. Carlson Deborah J. Davis

Selectmen of Swanzey, New Hampshire

TOWN HALL

Town Hall is the hub of town government activity. Its staff links citizens, town officials, departments and the Town's numerous boards and committees in addition to providing the administrative and financial operational support necessary for a local government. Direct services are provided to citizens and others at Town Hall. Town Hall staff often receives, and directs, calls from residents and others who seek information regarding other town departments, properties in town, state and local regulations or activities occurring in the region.

The Town's election officials and staff certainly had a work out in 2008 with record setting participation in the Presidential Primary, followed quickly by Official Ballot Voting for town and school matters, the State Primary in September and culminating in the November General Election. All of the town's departments pitched in assisting election officials to operate the polls and associated parking area in an efficient and effective manner. Thanks are extended to the Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Department personnel who were called upon repeatedly in 2008 to ensure an effective democratic process.

Information on some of the services available at Town Hall is provided below:

Town Clerk's Office: The Town is now "on-line" with the Department of Motor Vehicles allowing residents the opportunity to conduct a greater menu of transactions locally – avoiding a trip to DMV in Keene. Dog licensing, vital records and related licenses are also processed through this office. Support for required elections is provided too. Although also available on the town's web site, the public may access the minutes of the various boards and committees of the town by contacting this office.

Tax Collector's Office: Information related to property, timber and excavation taxes as well as utility billing may be obtained from the Tax Collector. Payments may be made by mail or in person. The Tax Collector's Office also accepts and processes the annual inventory forms required to be filed by property owners. In addition, taxpayers may obtain information regarding available tax credits and exemptions here.

Land Use Office: This office is responsible for is responsible for assisting the public and various Town boards and committees with questions and concerns regarding planning, zoning, land use regulations, building codes/permits and code enforcement. During 2008, the Town issued approximately 160 building permits. The estimated value of this construction was $9,837,723. While new housing construction was down from prior years, the steady flow of permits for electrical upgrades and renovations continued. Building permit revenues were also boosted by 2 large commercial projects. The Land Use Office would like to thank all of the volunteers who serve on the various land use boards. On occasion, Board and Committee members are put in the position of having to make very difficult decisions – decisions that not everyone always agrees with. The dedication, hard work and genuine concern that the Board members afford to each and every applicant and affected property owners is to be commended.

Town Hall staff maintains the town's web site, www.town.swanzey.nh.us making information about the activities of your town's government and around town available 24/7. As time permits in 2009, we hope to make further improvements to the town's site and appreciate visitors' suggestions.

By participating in town government, each and every citizen makes Swanzey a better place. Your input, efforts and support is needed for the many community events and projects that make Swanzey special. If you would like to serve on a committee, volunteer to help with an event, or would like to find out more information about your town or its government, please contact us at Town Hall. We look forward to hearing from you!

Lori Belletete, Deputy Town Clerk; Ruth Snyder, Tax Collector; Theresa Lounder, Bookkeeper; Karen Elliott, Finance Office Assistant; W. Walter Hutwelker III, Treasurer; Sandi Page, Administrative Aide; Sara H. Carbonneau, Town Planner; James Weston, Code Enforcement Officer; Beth Fox, Town Administrator

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board consists of 10 members – all of whom are volunteers. Six are elected, one is a Selectmen's representative and three are appointed as alternate members. The Board meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend. Agendas and minutes of the Planning Board can be found on the Town's website at www.town.swanzey.nh.us.

During the past year, the Board addressed the typical range of applications; from home occupations to major subdivisions and everything in between. However, there have been a couple of projects of particular note, including a large industrial-manufacturing project in the Town's industrial park off of Route 32 and Safford Drive; the relocation of a transportation company from Keene to Swanzey; the establishment of a tractor and related equipment business on Route 10; and the opening of a year-round farm stand (specializing in local products) on Route 32. During the upcoming year, residents will likely see the construction of 38 units of elderly housing along Route 12 and a facility off Route 10/Matthews Road dedicated to greyhound rescue.

Towards the end of 2008, the Board also reviewed proposed zoning amendments. Eleven amendments will be submitted to the voters in March 2009. Detailed information about these amendments can be found on the Town's website. In addition, Town Planner Carbonneau is available to answer any questions regarding the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn W. Page, Chair

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall with the exception of February when it meets on the 2nd Monday. Notices of public hearings are posted at the Town Hall and the two post offices. In addition, notices are published in the Keene Sentinel and sent by certified mail to all abutters. Agendas and minutes are available for review at the Town Hall or on the Town's website at www.town.swanzey.nh.us

The function of the ZBA is to consider applications from property owners for the following: requests for variances, requests for special exceptions, appeals from administrative decisions and requests for equitable waivers from dimensional requirements. The actions and powers of zoning boards are strictly controlled by New Hampshire law. For example, criteria for granting variances have been established by New Hampshire case law. All towns must utilize that exact criteria and if the applicant meets all the criteria, the variance must be granted.

The Swanzey Zoning Ordinance is available on the Town's website at www.town.swanzey.nh.us The Swanzey Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 1947 and numerous amendments to the ordinance have been made throughout the years. When zoning amendments are proposed, public hearings are held by the Planning Board in order to solicit input. For any zoning amendment to be adopted, it must be voted on by the citizens of the Town. The ZBA encourages Swanzey residents to take an active role in the development of regulations that affects each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,
W. William Hutwelker, III, Chair

SWANZEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Swanzey Police Department were faced with a very broad and diverse variety of calls in 2008. As in recent years past, the increase in residential and commercial growth in Cheshire County certainly contributed to an increase in demands on our agency. We were fortunate to be at full staffing levels during the entire year, something we have not enjoyed for several years, and this allowed us to handle those challenges and to provide professional, quality service to our customers. 2008 did, however, bring one change to our "team." In May, I presented a restructuring plan to the Selectmen with regard to the police department. After receiving their approval to implement that plan, the position of part-time office clerk was phased out effective July 1st. This position had originally been created to provide clerical assistance to the department while the Swanzey Police Department managed the eight town Regional Prosecutor Program which has since transitioned to the County. I want to thank the outstanding contributions that Janet Trombley made to our department during the two and half years she served in that position.

Our officers continue to investigate many serious and complex cases. Many of these cases take a great deal of time and effort to work on. We continue to see the affect the growing heroin problem in Cheshire County has placed not only on law enforcement, but on families affected by loved ones becoming addicts. The heroin problem is wide spread and it has been the root cause of many of our most serious cases.

What should be well noted is, that since we have finally been at full authorized strength for an entire year, our proactive policing with regard to motor vehicle violation enforcement has increased dramatically. This very visible form of policing is essential to improve the quality of life in our community and to keep our streets safer for all who travel through our town. I believe that there is a direct correlation to our enforcement efforts and the fact that accidents are down 38% this year, as compared to 2007. We have also seen the number of motorists arrested for driving under the influence increase by 70% during this same time frame.

The transition to the County of the Regional Prosecutor Program continues to do well. Several more Cheshire County towns have joined the program and have helped to financially support the excellent work done by the County Attorney's Office. This has been a major step forward in providing quality prosecutions in the county.

During the past year we've continued to strive to improve our customer service. We continue to regularly visit our schools, interacting with both the staff and the students in a positive manner. We again provided a year long internship opportunity for a local high school senior who expressed an interest in a law enforcement career. We stand behind our Department's Core Values; *Fairness, Compassion and Integrity*. Our Core Values are the key to how we deliver our services.

Our officers continue to attend professional development and advanced training programs to help us stay on the leading edge of law enforcement technology and concepts. The Swanzey Police Department believes strongly in being a "team player." We continue to focus on working harmoniously with other town departments to improve the quality of life in Swanzey.

I am very proud to be a member of the Swanzey Police Department. Swanzey is fortunate to have caring and conscientious personnel in their police department. I would like to thank every one of our officers and support staff for their dedication and the professionalism displayed while performing their duties. I encourage members of the community to get to know their police officers. I look forward to citizens stopping by the station, asking questions, and learning what we do. I believe it is important for us to have a partnership with the community we serve. I think they will like what they see and hear. Our officers help keep Swanzey a safe community. It is, however, a very busy community with regard to police activities and demands. The following is some statistical information with regard to incidents the Swanzey Police Department handled in 2008.

STATISTICS

Calls for service:	5,737
M/V Citations:	3,376
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	223
Arrests:	343

Among these calls were:

- 20% decrease in the number of reportable motor vehicle accidents*
- 38% decrease in the number of accidents with injuries (including 1 fatal crash)*
- 70% increase in DUI arrests* (56 vs. 33)
- 32% increase in motor vehicle stops for violations*
- 1% decrease in number of arrests*
- 38% increase in bad check complaints*
- 12% increase in burglary complaints*
- 16% increase in theft complaints*

*from 2007

As Chief, I am committed to excellence and professional service. The Swanzey Police Department is in the customer service business. You, the citizens of Swanzey, are our customers. We will continue to strive, through training and hard work, to provide the Town of Swanzey with the type of professional policing they deserve. We look forward to another year working with the Swanzey Fire Department, the Swanzey Department of Public Works, and Swanzey Emergency Management, to provide the residents with the best in emergency services.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard V. C. Busick
Chief of Police

Ellor Farmstead – Circa 1830

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The Swanzey Fire Department strives to provide residents and visitors with a professional response to the emergency needs of our community. This is accomplished by working in cooperation with our emergency response partners, including the mutual aid departments of Southwest Mutual Aid, Swanzey Police, Diluzio Ambulance Service and Swanzey Office of Emergency Management.

The department is comprised of over sixty call Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians, assigned to three separate stations and nine Engine and Rescue Companies. Each station; East Station, Center Station and West Station, is supervised by a station Captain and three Lieutenants appointed to oversee the personnel and apparatus at each station. The geographic orientation of the three stations provides a quick response to emergencies within their respective districts.

As a result of action at the annual town meeting, voters authorized the Board of Selectmen to appoint Swanzey's first career Fire Chief. The Selectmen employed the services of the Local Government Center to provide guidance in the initial screening of applicants and a local review board, comprised of town officials and citizens, narrowed the applicants to a finalist who was interviewed by the Board of Selectmen. Norman W. Skantze of Bristol, NH was selected and appointed as Chief in October.

Initially, the new Chief has been interacting with the Selectmen, town officials, residents and the members of the department to gain a better understanding of the organization. Swanzey Fire Department has a long tradition of providing excellent service to the town and the surrounding area. The benefit of a career chief is to provide consistent administrative support and leadership to the department and personnel and serve as a liaison.

The early goals of the Chief have been to review current policies and practices of the department. By capitalizing on existing practices that have worked well in the past, and then implementing new policies and procedures to address areas for improvement, the result will be to increase the overall effectiveness and success of the organization. In an effort to accomplish these objectives, the department has assigned new responsibilities to department officers; re-established monthly engine and emergency medical training; assessed response protocols; and are working toward standardizing equipment used by the department. Another early goal of the department is to assess and improve the overall occupational health and safety of firefighters and EMS providers.

With respect to apparatus, the Swanzey Fire Department utilizes five engines, one 3000-gallon tanker, one large diameter hose truck, two medium duty rescue vehicles, two forestry trucks and an inflatable rescue boat. Last year the town approved the purchase of a new engine which was delivered this past summer and is now in service at East Station. In the fall of 2008, three pieces of apparatus were removed from service, including the engine replaced in East Station along with a 1970's vintage engine from the Center and a 1953 forestry vehicle. The department is in the process developing specifications for replacement of the 1962 Mack Tanker assigned to the Center Station.

In addition to the immediate need to replace the tanker, the department is also evaluating the serviceability of several other pieces of apparatus, all of which are over twenty years old. In order to accomplish this task, a Fire Department Capital Improvement Committee has been formed to analyze the needs and prioritize the order of replacement of all capital assets assigned to the department. The long term goal is to use the work of the committee as the basis of recommendations to the Selectmen and the voters.

The department also provides a number of non-emergency services which includes fire prevention education, close work with the town's planning, zoning and building departments, a wide range of

fire inspection activities that include plans review, life safety inspections, woodstove and oil burner inspections, to name a few.

Currently, the department is in the process of making improvements to the West Station. Working with the town's Grounds & Facilities Supervisor and staff, modest renovations to the existing space have been made including the creation of office space and improved work areas creating a department headquarters. The Chief, Deputy, Fire Inspector, EMS Coordinator and other administrative officers will be consolidated at the West Station. This will provide for better communications and coordination of services.

With the winter heating season upon us, we want to remind residents and business owners of the potential dangers associated with heating devices, including wood and coal stoves, gas and oil fired appliances. All heating devices are regulated by the State Fire Code and National Fire Protection Association Standards adopted by reference. This past year the State Legislature passed Amelia's law which includes the requirement for licensing for gas fitters and installers of propane devices. Residents may obtain installation information and request inspections by contacting the department by calling 358-6455 Monday through Friday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women who serve the town as Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians as well as the Board of Selectmen, town office staff, Swanzey Police Department, Public Works Director and Grounds and Facilities Supervisor, all of whom have been instrumental in assisting me during the my transition to Chief of the town's Fire Department.

I would like to also recognize the service of one member of the Swanzey Fire Department, Captain Gerry Bell who will mark his 60th year with the department on March 3, 2009. Captain Bell has, and continues to serve, with distinction as Captain of the Center Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman W. Skantze
Fire Chief

Department Personnel 2008

Vincent Sanchez, Deputy Chief

Robert Symonds, Jr., Administrative Chief

Ronald F. Fontaine, Fire Prevention Captain

East Station	Center Station	West Station
David Page, Captain	Gerald Bell, Captain	Raymond Phillips, Captain
Eric Kerylow, Lt.	Shawn Beal, Lt.	Benjamin Tatro, Lt.
Theresa Koski, Lt.	Keith Bell, Lt.	Geoff Davis, Lt.
Kelson Mulcahy, Lt.	David Mason, Lt.	Bryan Young, Lt.
Ronald E. Fontaine	Kevin Bell	Fred MacKenzie
Charles Beauregard, Sr.	Lee Dunham	Timothy Read
Philip Thompson	Robert Herrick	Richard Symonds
Andrea Fisher	Mary Ioannou	Wayne Dunham, Jr.
Joseph McKeon	Carl Bell	Donald Doucette
Fred Hale	Arthur S. Whipple	Steven Dunshee
Edwin Ridley, Jr.	Mark LaBelle	Nathan Hardy
Lee Blake	Eric Lawrence	Scott Lewandowski
Eric Mattson	Richard Lewandowski	Robert Symonds III
Justin Lyons	Robert Goodell, Jr.	Ernest Kirouac
Sherry Mattson	Darren Naeck	Tyler Boucher
Thomas Woodbury	Sylvester Karasinski	Michael Bloom
Stephanie Gallagher	Douglas Waters	Mark LaClair
Heidi Packard		Eric Burns
Kimberly Arnone		Francis Carpenter, Jr.

SWANZEY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Emergency Management Office is located in the Swanzey Police Station at 34 Eaton Road. There are currently two part time employees and several volunteers.

Part of Swanzey (Westport Village) is located within the 10 mile emergency planning zone (EPZ) of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power plant located in Vernon, Vermont. In 2009 we will be preparing for two Vermont Yankee drills and one graded Vermont Yankee Exercise. During graded exercises, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is observed and evaluated by Homeland Security, Bureau of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Participating in the drills and exercises at the Emergency Operations Center are Emergency Management, Selectmen, Police, Fire and Public Works. The group works well as a team and has been noted for their excellent direction, control and functioning in a purposeful and effective manner. The team has also been noted for their dedication and taking their roles in drills and exercises seriously.

Emergency Management continues to stay active in "All Hazards Public Health Planning" and disaster preparation. We continue to upgrade and update technical equipment to ensure the most effective means of communication. One major communication addition this year has been the CodeRed high-speed telephone emergency notification service. The CodeRed system gives town officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification messages to targeted areas or to the entire town. To be included in the notification database, individuals or businesses can fill out a "CodeRed Residential and Business Data Collection" form found on the Town of Swanzey website www.town.swanzey.nh.us. Those without internet service may obtain a data collection form at the Swanzey Town Hall during regular business hours and return the completed form to the Swanzey Police Station.

A 10,000 watt generator and a generator transfer switch were purchased for the West Swanzey Fire Station. Also a new radio tower and a 30KW generator were obtained for the Police Station and will be installed in January. Staff of the Emergency Management Office has also been busy meeting State and Federal requirements for education, training and certifications. All in all, it has been a very busy and productive year for Emergency Management.

To contact Emergency Management, please call 355-8852 or e-mail swanzeyeoc@swanzeypd.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Bohannon, Emergency Management Director
Pamela Fortner, Deputy Emergency Management Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways, Streets & Bridges

While 2008 didn't break the all-time snowfall record for Concord, the year shall go down as one of the most active seasons I've ever experienced. The storms came often in January and February and continued into the beginning of March. Road salt became a hot commodity as the supplier could not get enough for our area. This forced us to be creative in how we could acquire salt. The tough winter also took a toll on the equipment. It seemed as if we suffered at least one breakdown per storm in January. This was the first time that I have seen the department finish the winter season with no money in the overtime, salt, and repair budgets; in addition the fuel prices rose to unprecedented levels. I know the winter left a lasting impression on me and I hope this was the exception and not the new norm.

The April 2007 rains gave us an issue on the short hill off Carlton Road. March 2008 rains brought that to the forefront when the bank gave way. Since FEMA was onboard, this project was 99% completed this year with a wider road replacing the old one.

This year we were able to chip seal 2.6 miles of road. Top coat paving which should have been done on Webber Hill Road was deferred so that all that area could be top coated at once. Part of Carlton Road was shimmed this year, as well as some spots on Christian Hill where the road had broken up.

This year the department was able to cut a lot of brush from the sides of the roads. This has been a constant problem and one that we will continue to work on next year. This year's wet conditions made maintaining our gravel roads more of a chore. Also, numerous washouts and pot holes had to be repaired. The DPW crew put a new parking area and apron in for the new fire chief as he makes his new office area at the west station.

Residents are urged to call the DPW (352-7116) with any road issues or to report street lights that are out.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Dunham, Director

Trevor Hood, Foreman	Ann Bedaw	Todd Trombley
Todd Trombley	Mike Caron	Scott Patnode

Cemeteries, Facilities & Parks Maintenance

With a full crew, spring clean-up was completed in early May and in all cemeteries prior to the Memorial Day. Rainfall in June and July was fairly normal and did not impact our mowing schedule, but August was a different story, as we had a considerable amount of rain. We spent a great deal of time cutting trees and brush in Oak Hill and Mt. Caesar Cemeteries.

Burial lots assigned for 2008 totaled 15: 12 at Mountain View Cemetery, 2 at Oak Hill Cemetery and 1 at Westport Cemetery. There were a total of 46 burials, of which, 27 were full burials and 19 cremations. Two new sections were laid out in Mountain View Cemetery and one new section was laid out in Oak Hill Cemetery. These lots will be available as they are needed.

At the Carpenter Home new tile floors were installed in two of the resident rooms and time was spent repainting the interior of the porch. One of the large slider doors in the porch area was removed and replaced with a window to create a work area for the staff. With the assistance of a grant awarded the home, a fire suppression hood was installed on the kitchen range addressing an outstanding life safety concern. We also spent time maintaining the brush around the stone walls at the home.

General maintenance projects were addressed at the town's ball fields and recreational facilities. At the South Road ball fields minor roof leaks in the snack shack were repaired. There were several acts of vandalism done to two of the dugouts which will be repaired. In addition, a building was moved from Brown Field to South Road for trash and a faucet was replaced in the kitchen. The garage was repainted at Brown Field. Improvements at Richardson Park focused on facility plumbing. Containers to promote recycling at these recreational facilities were added for the 2008 season. The bench along the beach at the Wilson Pond boat launch was rebuilt as well.

Work completed at the town's covered bridges included repairs to Cresson due to damage resulting from an over height motor vehicle and the guard rails and the interior of Carlton were painted. Knox boxes were installed in all of the bridges improving emergency personnel's ability to access fire panels at these locations. Over height vehicles continue to damage the town's covered bridges several times a year. Residents and travelers are reminded of the need to be attentive to both the height, weight and trailer restrictions required to preserve the town's covered bridges.

Several minor projects completed at various town facilities included: replacement of an entry door at Center Station, installation of a screen door and shelves at Town Hall and grounds modifications at the Police Station accommodating a new sign. Many town facilities, identified as initial priorities, were also marked with new location signage to conform to 9-1-1 addressing standards. In addition, the newly installed signs are a standard color and include the town's seal.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations may be obtained by logging on to the town's web site www.town.swanzey.nh.us. Proceed to the Town Government & Departments section and look under Public Works-Cemeteries. Please contact me if you have questions about the regulations, marker requirements and other cemetery matters or to get information about obtaining a burial lot assignment. I may be reached at 603-762-3271 or via e-mail at ffaulkner@town.swanzey.nh.us.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis W. Faulkner, Jr.
Grounds & Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

RECYCLING CENTER

A year of change-way up and way down!

First the good news. Again, recyclables continue to increase while MSW (non-recyclables) continues to decrease. Well done again! Our income from recyclables and fees has topped $115,000. Another good year.

On the down side, the markets for recyclables are gone!-temporarily of course. Some commodities now have "negative prices" (it now costs to ship). We are storing what we can and are shipping only positive revenue and break even commodities for as long as we can, while we wait for the eventual economic turn around. Suffice it to say that 2009 will be a very lean year. But, remember that giving away recyclables is still much cheaper than landfilling them.

Regretfully, our two new plastic programs have fallen by the wayside primarily due to economic conditions. We thank you for supporting these programs and your willingness to participate in new recycling initiatives.

Many of you have seen and commented on how much busier the Center is becoming. We borrowed a traffic counter for 4 weeks this summer and found that the Center is seeing over 2,100 vehicle trips per week! Surprised us too! So, if we politely ask you to try to sort more at home or to move a little more quickly, do not take it personally. We are squeezing a lot of stuff through a small facility.

As mentioned in last year's report, we have been looking at a new facility to handle the increasing demands of the Town. We have now requested that this project be put on hold temporarily. We are examining major changes in the industry which could markedly impact the type of facility we would require. We would be pleased to go into more detail upon request.

And speaking about "change"-how many coins do you think you could hide in a sofa. A sofa (also known as our "cash couch") was dropped off last summer which contained 220 coins totaling $13.99 (all duly recorded as income). If you can top that, let us know (and drop off that sofa!).

And as always, thank you for your support. This is your Center, and you are the ones who make it work.

Recycling Hours
Tuesdays and Fridays 7am – 4pm
Wednesdays 10am – 6pm
Saturdays – 7am – 5pm

Respectfully submitted,
David Krisch, Solid Waste Manager

Stephen Stewart, Asst. Solid Waste Manager
Jerry Bussiere
Ransom Webster
Carol Jeffery
Richard Oberg
Gerry Laramie, Recycling Foreman
John Jardine
Art Whipple
Dave Whipple

SEWER COMMISSION REPORT

Most of 2008 has been relatively quiet for the sewer commission.

There have been a few new hookups in North Swanzey. Currently under construction and soon to be added to the user list is Moore Nanotechnology in the North Swanzey Industrial Park and the Fast Friends facility off Route 10.

The Commission has begun the planning process to deal with the town's share (4.7%) of the upgrade to the Keene Wastewater Treatment Plant. This upgrade is required by the EPA due to the new phosphorous limits Keene is required to meet.

The systematic program of cleaning and inspecting the sewer lines in West Swanzey is continuing. Each year a different section is worked on and has proved to be quite an effective way of ensuring all the lines are in good shape.

As construction for the Owens Drive condominiums continues the result will be adding more users to share the operational costs of the plant in West.

The Commission is thankful that Scott Self and Tom Hastings keep both systems running smoothly. As both North and West systems expand the work load also becomes greater. Our operators maintain 3 pump stations, a lagoon system, over 200 manholes and more than five miles of collection system.

The Commission is pleased to announce that Scott Self was named Sewer Plant Operator of the Year by the Granite State Rural Water Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn W. Page, Chair

Sewer Commission Financial Reports

Sewer Fund Interim Trial Balance December 31, 2008	
Assets	
Cash	1,605
Investments	327,474
Taxes Receivable (User Fees - West Swanzey WWTP)	64,444
Taxes Receivable (User Fees - North Swanzey Collection System)	45,577
Tax Liens Receivable (User Fees - West Swanzey WWTP/NS)	2,981
Total Assets	442,080
Liabilities	
Due to Other Funds	32,264
Total Liabilities	32,264
Fund Equity 12/31/2008	$409,816

Summary of Sewer Fund Revenue & Expenses 2008	
Revenues	
User Fees: West Swanzey Current Year	163,662.44
User Fees: North Swanzey Current Year	132,738.26
User Fees-Prior Years: West Swanzey	47,947.16
User Fees-Prior Years: North Swanzey	46,218.11
Interest	2,031.56
Redemptions	5,930.99
Interest & Costs for Redemptions	1,283.59
Sewer Fund Interest	8,451.15
NH State Aid Grants & Hook Up Fees	101,466.00
Total Revenues	$509,729.26
Expenditures	
Operating Expenses (see Detailed Statement of Payments all Funds)	442,530.11
Total Expenditures	$442,530.11

North Swanzey Project Expenditures 2008	
Sewer Collection System & Pump Stations	19,502.53
Road and Drainage Improvements	384.54
Water Line Improvements (NS Water & Fire Precinct)	796.24
Total Expenditures 2008 (Project now closed out)	$20,683.31

REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department is responsible for monitoring both drinking and swimming water at several locations, inspections of foster homes, day care and preschool facilities, investigation of housing complaints, septic system inspections, assistance in lead paint inspections and miscellaneous public health complaint investigations. The following services were provided in 2008.

Service Report 2008			
Water Samples Collected	15	Miscellaneous Inspections	106
Housing Inspections	4	Lead Paint Inspections	0
Septic System Inspections	5	Private Schools	2
Foster Homes, Day Care & Preschool Facilities	3		0

For 2008, the State DHHS, West Nile/EEE Program concentrated on trapping mosquitoes for testing. A total of 10,020 mosquito pools statewide were tested with 1 testing positive for West Nile Virus and 8 for EEE. No human cases were detected.

New for 2008 is HB 1405 which deals with outdoor wood boilers. This bill went into effect August 10, 2008. Literature on HB 1405 is available at the Town Hall. A permit is required for installation. Contact the Town Code Enforcement Officer for information.

Pamphlets on RSA 125-N, a state law which prohibits residential trash burning, are available at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. DeRocher, Health Officer

HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

In 2008, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Swanzey. The following information represents HCS's activities in your community during the past twelve months.

Service Report 2008			
Nursing	3,123 Visits	Homemaker	2,215 Hours
Physical Therapy	767 Visits	Chronic Care	10,723 Hours
Speech Pathology	14 Visits	Outreach	117 Visits
Occupational Therapy	94 Visits	Health Promotion Clinics	15 Clinics
Medical Social Work	234 Visits	Meals-On-Wheels	13,032 Meals
Home Health Aide	1,370 Visits	Child Health & Prenatal Care	98 Hours

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 386

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 2008 with all funding sources is $1,173,406.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by the town.

For 2009, we request an appropriation of $17,000.00 to continue to be available for home care services, and an appropriation of $7,003.00 for the Meals-On-Wheels program.

Thank you for your consideration.

CARPENTER HOME

The Carpenter Home is an assisted living facility for the elderly and is located on 230 acres near the Swanzey Town Hall. Lucy Carpenter granted the home and land, with a sizeable restricted endowment, to the Town of Swanzey. The Home provides assisted living services in a comfortable rural setting to both private pay and Medicaid recipients.

The facility is licensed for 16 residents and currently serves 13. Although resident census has yet to reach capacity, steps are being taken to do so and progress continues to be made toward this goal.

Work continues on the home. We have purchased two new energy efficient refrigerators, updated the floors, built closets, and installed new energy efficient windows on the porch. The home received a grant and purchased a hood for over the kitchen stove plus two fire doors. A plan was designed for our new heating system; bids have gone out and hopefully this work will begin soon.

During 2008, the Carpenter Home stayed busy. We hosted an open house in October which was very successful and at Christmas, our holiday party was just what we needed after all the bad weather. Many thanks to Judy Bohannon for the beautiful wreaths and flowers she sent to help us celebrate the season. The garden club helped us to brighten the outdoors with flowers planted down our walkway. The club members also made baskets of flowers with the residents during the spring and winter seasons.

The residents attended the Senior Swingers Show in the fall and then in December had the opportunity to attend the Christmas Concert. Both of these shows were held at the Monadnock Regional High School. The residents enjoyed both of these events.

Our activities coordinator, Deb Wright, continues to bring her artistic talent to improve our daily programs with the residents. Everyone looks forward to all the activities.

We continue to improve the quality of our services, which in turn improves the quality of life for each of our residents.

As administrator, I want to thank all who have supported our facility with their time and donations. We welcome anyone who would like to come in and volunteer, especially anyone who can play the piano. If you are interested in volunteering, or helping in any way (such as providing transportation) please call Dawn at 352-2269.

Please help us to continue making the Carpenter Home a valuable resource to the Town of Swanzey. The Home intends to maintain financial independence while continuing to provide quality assisted living services to seniors.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Rice, Administrator

Carpenter Home Special Revenue Fund
Report of Operational Costs and Related Revenue 2008

Revenue	
Resident Payments (Room & Board Received Jan. - Dec. 2008)	399,659.49
Room & Board Received in 2007 for 2008	4,250.32
Medicare Part D Related Revenue	1,458.40
Miscellaneous Income 2008 (includes Grants)	8,089.95
Less: Refunds	0.00
Resident Payments (2007 Receivables)	10,968.78
Resident Payments (2009 Receivables)	3,544.95
Revenue from Trust Funds for 2008 Facility Improvements **(to be withdrawn)**	0.00
Resident Personal Accounts Revenue (billings) 2008	672.00
Personal Accounts Revenue (allowances)	3,360.00
Receivables 12/31/2008	
Resident Payments (Room & Board 2008) Receivables 12/31/08	0.00
State of New Hampshire (NH Medicaid-HCBC) Receivables	10,031.94
Residents Personal Items / Comm. Integration / Special Care Receivables	56.00
Total Revenue & Receivables 2008	**$413,064.37**
Expenditures	
Operational Costs - Budget 2008 (see Budget Report)	397,906.98
Facility Improvements (funded through Trust Accounts and/or Grants)	7,423.80
Resident Personal Accounts Expenses	731.11
Resident Medicare Part D Related Expenses	1,458.40
Personal Allowances Remitted	3,360.00
Total Expenditures 2008	**$410,880.29**
Special Revenue Fund Gain (Loss) 12/31/2008	**$2,184.08**

Other Funds Available for Benefit of the Carpenter Home 12/31/2008	
Balance Available Carpenter Home Expendable Trust	$27,279.54
Balance of Income Available in Other Trust Accounts	$130,488.51
Income Generated during 2008 by Other Trust Accounts	$26,966.40

MOUNT CAESAR UNION LIBRARY

Mt. Caesar Union Library bustled through 2008, a year of activity and progress. The upstairs meeting room saw some new usage, including monthly meetings of local teachers and hobbyists. Miss Katy returned with her popular music and movement program for toddlers and was held over for the whole summer by public demand. The Summer Reading Program earned record numbers of sign-ups (96!), and a grant was received for the final reading program party featuring live Australian wildlife. The Hourglass Readers performed dramatic readings of Shakespeare and Sheridan. A holiday movie night for kids was arranged, but sadly was snowed out. A rescheduled movie night will take place during February break.

Assistant librarian Melinda Doolittle now staffs some of the same hours as the library director, so great progress is being made in the library collection and arrangements. The large print and adult biography sections have been moved and rearranged for better access and a young adult section has been created separate from the juvenile fiction. The State Talking Books Program divested itself of its' large print collection, and Mt. Caesar is receiving many of those copies. As the patronage has increased, so have the requests for Inter-library loans; the extra staffing is allowing this to go smoothly. Projects for the upcoming year include rationalizing the mystery and fiction sections and fixing bar code/title mix-ups dating from when the catalog was computerized.

The historic old building is still going strong, with a few ailments during 2008. The major event was the erosion of the portico ceiling caused by roof leaks. A new roof is in progress of completion. The library is looking into the possibility of getting funding under President-Elect Obama's infrastructure renewal plan, which could go toward a number of worthy projects such as new windows.

In technology news, 2008 started off on a bad foot with a "catastrophic failure" of the main catalog hard drive and back up systems due to too many power outages. Some effort retrieved most of the pertinent data, and the system is now better protected. Ending on a good note, more patrons are discovering the high speed wireless connectivity at the library and as the library received two donated Macintoshes, a third public access "terminal" will be set up early in 2009. The library started a web-site this year; it is still somewhat minimal, but please check it out at mtcaesarunionlibrary.books.officelive.com. The public libraries in NH are looking into a collective purchase of a new catalog computer system which would be web-based and more interactive for patrons. Updates will be posted as any news comes along.

Many thanks go to the trustees and Friends of the library. The Trustees have volunteered uncounted hours shepherding the library, from taking care of the building to fundraising, and the Friends have raised funds and hosted all the children's parties. The library couldn't go on without them, or without its' wonderful patrons. If you have any interest in becoming either a trustee or friend, please inquire at the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Cadigan Gregory, Library Director

603-357-0446

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Wednesday 2:00 pm-8:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am-5:00 pm.
Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

MT. CAESAR UNION LIBRARY ASSOCATION TREASURER'S REPORT January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008		
INCOME	Town Appropriation	55,858.00
	Miscellaneous Income	467.00
	Investment Income	4,132.00
	Fines & Fees	154.00
	Fund-raising	5,545.00
	Donations, Memorial, Rotary	360.00
Total Income		**$ 66,516.00**
	EXPENDITURES	
Operations:	Books, Magazines, etc.	9,010.00
	Supplies	2,850.00
	Community Programs	1,180.00
	Dues, Other	120.00
Facility:	Insurance	2,110.00
	Security	288.00
	Utilities	13,432.00
	Repairs	371.00
	Custodian/Shoveling	1,790.00
Other Expenses:	Antiquarian Society	-
	Advertising	54.00
	Misc. Expense	413.00
	Postage, Shipping	187.00
	Seminars & Education	557.00
Payroll:	Librarian	25,600.00
	Asst. Librarian	10,146.00
	Librarian Aides	322.00
	Payroll Taxes	2,759.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**$ 71,189.00**
NET INCOME		**$ (4,673.00)**

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Betts, Treasurer

STRATTON FREE LIBRARY

This year brought improvements to the outside of the library. The metal railings were painted, which was very much needed. The invasive Japanese Knotweed was cut down and we hope to have it eradicated in the near future.

In July, we had our usual display of Denman Thompson and "The Old Homestead" memorabilia from the collection of Eddie Calkins.

Our Australian themed Summer Reading Program, " G'Day For Reading" was successful. Children earned a gift certificate for The Toadstool Bookshop as well as a free ice cream cone from Twinkle Town. I Party gave decorations to our library including a tower of balloons with a Koala on top. The children earned gold coins for reading a certain number of hours, which they turned in to I Party for a free balloon.

In September, we received a "Picturing America" grant, which consists of forty free images of American art. The prints are 20" by 36" and are laminated. The grant is through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

Patron visits and circulation of materials remains steady. We welcomed 60 new patrons. Interlibrary loans increased significantly as well as computer use.

Roberta Paine resigned as Assistant Librarian to pursue other interests. She is missed by everyone. Our new Assistant is Kathleen Whitfield. She moved to West Swanzey from South Carolina, where she retired from teaching.

Our Trustees are Robert Kenney, Chair; Ruth S. Pratt, Vice-chair; Susan Ells, Secretary; Jennifer Gomarlo, Treasurer; John Bridges and Arthur Boufford.

Library Hours

Tuesday 2:30-8:00 p.m. Thursday 2:30-8:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00-3:00 p.m.

New books are purchased monthly. Come in and check them out.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Haley, Librarian

STRATTON FREE LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

INCOME	Town Appropriation	32,400.00
	Investment Income	932.41
	Copies & Fines	437.14
	Book Sales	85.35
Total Income 2008		**$33,854.90**
EXPENDITURES	Books & Publications	5,337.21
	Computer Expenses	834.85
	Insurance	(370.00)
	Supplies/Miscellaneaous	2,255.83
	Payroll	16,881.95
	Repairs & Maintenance	1,908.85
	Utilities	2,046.35
Total Expenditures 2008		**$28,895.04**
Net Income 2008		**$4,959.86**

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gomarlo, Treasurer

SWANZEY RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee would like to thank al of you that work hard to make the recreation department a success. It is our goal to be able to offer more programs in the coming years.

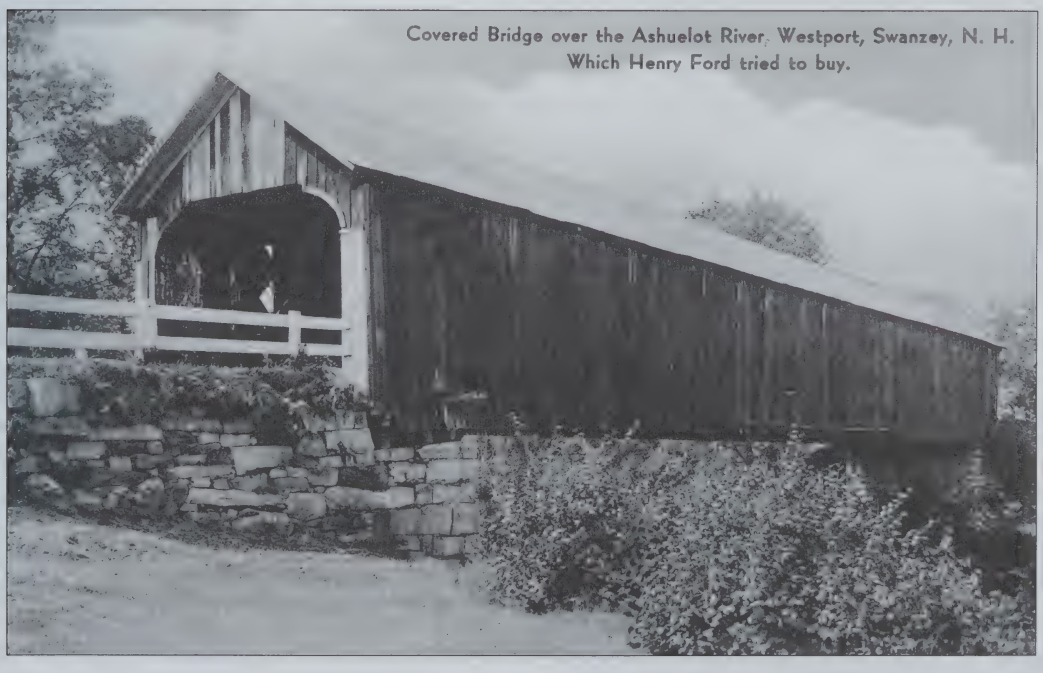
This past winter was hard for the Easter Bunny. He asked us to move the Easter egg hunt to Mt. Caesar School because the snow was too deep at the high school. This idea worked out great as the little ones met the Easter Bunny, found their eggs and played on the new playground equipment at the school. The bunny saw about 100 little ones and received many hugs and kisses from them all.

Summer camp was a great success. We changed the age to five year olds to eleven year olds (previously the age group was six to twelve year olds). This seemed to work quite well. The campers were busy all day long and the parents were pleased that their campers were in bed and asleep at a very early bedtime so they would be ready for the next day's activities. The Splash and Play swim lessons were held for the second season. The classes were small allowing more one on one attention to the little swimmers. Instead of our usual one week swim lessons for the campers we offered two weeks of lessons which were quite popular as both weeks were filled and there was a waiting list. The week of public swimming lessons was also quite busy.

We hope to see many of you in the coming year and if any of you would like to help on the Recreation Committee contact the Town Hall or stop by Richardson Park during the summer.

Have a safe and happy 2009 and support the youth of the Town of Swanzey.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Bohannon, Chair



Covered Bridge over the Ashuelot River, Westport, Swanzey, N. H.
Which Henry Ford tried to buy.

SWANZEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Swanzey Conservation Commission (SCC) consists of seven regular members and two alternates. They volunteer their time to help maintain or improve the quality of the air, soil, water, plants, animals, and other natural resources of the Town. We meet on the second Tuesday each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Earth Day roadside cleanup: The fourth roadside cleanup was conducted during Earth Week, on Saturday, April 19. Eighty-three volunteers collected 236 bags of trash, including 40 bags of recyclables, from 19 miles of town roads. Cub Pack 297 once again shone as the premier helping group. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone who helped! Some members and several citizens in their own neighborhoods pick up roadside trash all year. We remain very grateful to them.

Conservation Lands: SCC is responsible for monitoring and managing those land parcels under the Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP). Conservation lands Honey Hill, Mt. Cresson, Muster Property, and the Swanzey Lake dam area were checked and reports submitted to the state. This year maintenance work on the Muster Property was done, including re-erection of the sign (thanks to Mark Manougian) and clearing around the tower associated with the old firemen's musters. New signs were placed at the principal access sites of the Mt. Cresson Conservation area. A parking area was cleared, making egress to the Matthews Road much safer. A new loop trail was laid out, which we hope to clear next year. It's still true that very little land in Swanzey is reserved for natural open space. Your Commission thanks you very much for your continued support for the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund. That is a substantial step to help preserve Swanzey.

Conservation Camp: For many years, the Conservation Commission has offered two scholarships to town residents who would like to attend camp. This 4-H camp in the White Mountains, administered by UNH, runs several one week sessions for campers aged 10-15. Three sessions with different emphases run in late June through mid-July. Activities include hiking, fishing, wildlife studies, hunter education, and environmental explorations. This year we had two recipients, Levi Hill and Gabrielle Sisson. Students interested in applying for this scholarship should write a letter to the Conservation Commission at Town Hall early in the year, saying why they would like to attend this camp. Formal applications are available from UNH in April. It's a small camp and fills up quickly, so the sooner the application is filed, the better the chances of getting in.

Other Committees: SCC continues work closely with the Open Space Committee to help preserve special places in town. We attend meetings and hearings of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and/or the Selectmen where environmental matters are involved. One member holds a joint appointment, another sits on the SWRPC Natural Resources Advisory Committee and one is a member on the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee (ARLAC). We continue to work with the Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC), and the Monadnock Conservancy (MC) relative to conserving natural areas in the town. Members attended workshops on new environmental regulations and other conservation related matters.

Permits/Projects: Permit applications for work in wetlands come before us each year and the State Department of Environmental Services expects our input. We review all new proposals and ongoing projects with respect to their environmental impacts. These investigations frequently involve site walks. We try hard to make recommendations that will minimize environmental damage associated with development proposals.

Complaints/Inquiries: Complaints of alleged environmental violations are investigated and where appropriate, reported to town and state officials. Illegal dumping of trash, appliances, and tires along unpaved roads continues to be a problem. We also endeavor to answer various environment-related questions and concerns from citizens throughout the year.

Other Activities:

- Canoe trip: Our annual trip down the river occurs in early May, with all interested persons invited. You may not even need your own canoe! Watch for publicity in the spring, with numbers to call if you are interested.
- Bank stabilization project: One of our members worked extensively with a MRHS student on a planting project to mitigate damage caused by the excavation on town land on the Matthews Road.
- College Scholarship: This is offered to a Swanzey resident who is a senior at MRHS and who intends to major in the environmental field at a college of his/her choice.
- River Cleanup: Two members participated in the Connecticut River Watershed Council's annual river cleanup held on October 4.
- River protection signs: We obtained signs to be placed at river crossings denoting the Ashuelot as one of the state's special protected rivers. We are grateful to the Swanzey Public Works for having placed the signs.
- River monitoring: Several members take special training and participate in the monitoring of water quality in the river from May to September each year.
- Web site: Members are working on SCC pages to be added to the town's web site.
- Wood duck and bluebird nesting boxes have been placed by commission members, with help from MRHS students, and have been maintained by them.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Stepenuck, Chair

ASHUELOT RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This year the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee (ARLAC), along with other NH Local Advisory Committees, was honored with the *President's Volunteer Award* in April, and the *Spirit of NH Volunteer Service Award* in the State and Local Government category in November for our efforts to advise the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) and our communities on actions and issues to protect and manage the Ashuelot River. This year also commemorated the 20th anniversary of the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Asheulot was designated as a protected river in 1993. ARLAC members, nominated by local municipal officials and appointed by the Commissioner of DES, have been educated in a broad array of issues associated with the River and its watershed. It is the hope of the committee to be a resource that works well between the interests and concerns of the citizens in the watershed and state authorities.

This year we performed site visits and submitted comments on 10 projects occurring in Washington, Keene, Swanzey, Winchester and Hinsdale; 2 NH Department of Transportation projects; and actions on state land in Keene and Winchester. Letters of support were submitted for a NH Office of Energy and Planning grant to the Town of Marlow for development of a Natural Resource Inventory, and in support of the final report of the DES Ashuelot Pond Drawdown Study. Comments were submitted to the Silvio Conte Comprehensive Conservation Plan. ARLAC continued to follow legislation and rulemaking, supporting changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act and HB 384 safeguarding surface waters by requiring more stringent reporting of failed septic systems on lakes and rivers. We also supported the passage of the comprehensive Alteration of Terrain rules established late this year. We continued participation as a member of the NH River Restoration Task Force and support the removal of the Homestead Dam which has been delayed for another year. This year Keene adopted parts of the 2006 Ashuelot River Corridor Management Plan into its Open Space Ordinance.

The Ashuelot River water quality monitoring program in conjunction with the DES Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) continued for its eighth season. Ten sites were sampled from Washington to Hinsdale. Analyses were done for temperature, pH, total phosphorus (TP), dissolved oxygen, turbidy, conductivity and metals with the City of Keene donating lab services to analyze samples of cadmium, copper, lead and zinc. ARLAC members, working with community volunteers

collected samples monthly from May through September. E coli samples were obtained monthly in July, August and September. Additional sampling in Swanzey was funded by the Swanzey Conservation Commission to assess TP and E coli in West Swanzey. Data is available online at http://academics.keene.edu/pegglest/Ashuelot River.htm or http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vrap/ashuelot/index.htm.

In October ARLAC co-sponsored a cleanup of the river from upstream of the Ashuelot River Park to the Thompson Covered Bridge in Swanzey as part of the Source to the Sea cleanup. A total of 204 volunteers removed 3,976 pounds of garbage plus 25 shopping carts from the river. Also this fall NH Protected River signs were purchased and posted in Marlow, Swanzey and Hinsdale.

ARLAC heard presentations on the results of the Nature's Conservancy's culvert study, which found most dams in the watershed and 20% of the culverts are a severe barrier to the movement of species in the streams; Keene State College students' study of coal tar pollution in Mill Creek; and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests plans for land conservation within the Ashuelot River watershed.

ARLAC invites interested parties to join us at our monthly meetings in Keene on the third Tuesday. Do contact your local ARLAC representatives or the Southwest Region Planning Commission for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Skuly, Chairman

SWANZEY OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee (OSC) protects Swanzey's rural character by permanently preserving important open space. We do this by promoting land conservation, talking with landowners, bringing together landowners and land trusts, and by promoting the acquisition of land or conservation easements. OSC members Deb Crowder, Theresa DiLuzio, Katherine Feist, Bruce Tatro, Jeanne Thieme, Dan Zeh and Victoria Reck Barlow always enjoy conversations about options for conserving land, as does Town Planner Sara Carbonneau, who supports the Committee's work. The oxen Buck and Ike -- Swanzey's biggest rural characters -- serve the Committee as ambassadors of open space protection.

In April the OSC celebrated the permanent protection of 230 Swanzey acres, thanks to donations of conservation easements by Jean Blood, Mary Jane Perry Gill, and Lewis and Priscilla Perry Kibler. At a reception held at the Keene State College Camp on Wilson Pond, the easement holders were honored with gift baskets – handwoven in Swanzey -- containing Swanzey-produced food, artwork, and textiles. OSC members look forward to celebrating easements completed in 2008 by Richard and Barbara Pullen and 234 Old Homestead Realty, LLC.

Another celebration took place at the annual meeting of our local land trust, where the Town of Swanzey and the OSC received the Monadnock Conservancy's Philip Faulkner Award. From time to time, the Conservancy recognizes "an organization, group or individual whose community service blends thoughtful land use planning and conservation with well-conceived community development and includes a high degree of collaboration among many stakeholders." The Town of Temple (2005) and the Chesterfield Conservation Commission (2006) also have shared this distinction.

Following the success of the joint OSC/Planning Board/Conservation Commission project to prepare conservation residential subdivision regulations (approved in March, 2008, with 72% of Town votes cast in favor), OSC members continue to work with these groups to update the Town's subdivision regulations.

In another joint effort, the OSC is laying groundwork to update the *Plan for the Protection of Open Space*, a chapter of Swanzey's Master Plan. Thanks to a 2008 grant of technical assistance from UNH Cooperative Extension, OSC members spent the summer and fall learning how to interpret data contained in the State's *Wildlife Action Plan*. Now, members are making presentations to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to "ground check" the State's data, and thereby refine Swanzey's priorities for open space protection.

OSC members donated over forty volunteer hours to help expedite Moore Nanotechnology LLC's application for a State wetlands permit. The permit applications triggered new administrative rules that rarely have been called into play in New Hampshire, and never in Swanzey. Town Planner Carbonneau arranged for NH-DES Wetlands Bureau staff to present special training -- held in Keene, to also benefit surrounding municipalities -- on the new rules for compensatory wetlands mitigation, which became effective in August 2006. With Carbonneau and Town Administrator Beth Fox, OSC members developed policies for handling Town responsibilities in responding to applications of this nature, and attained endorsement of the policies from the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen. In consultation with the Conservation Commission, OSC members worked closely with NH-DES staff and project manager Brickstone Masons to propose compensatory mitigation measures that would satisfy the State's administrative rules in the least possible amount of time. All those hours of study and deliberation paid off: NH-DES issued the permit in two months, and Town of Swanzey received valuable contributions to conserve open space. Jim Phippard, Brickstone Masons, later said that he expects similar projects to require five to six months of negotiation. In thirty-one years, said Phippard, this permit was hands-down "the fastest I've ever gotten, where more than one acre of wetlands has been affected."

In addition to learning about compensatory wetlands mitigation and the *Wildlife Action Plan*, some OSC members also attended a six-session land conservation leadership training program. Members

received in-house training on conservation easement documentation and monitoring, farmland succession planning, GIS mapping, and approaches to easements from a business perspective.

OSC members devoted over forty volunteer hours to preparing an application to the Orton Family Foundation for a $100,000 two-year "Heart and Soul" community planning grant. While not funded, the Committee's application resulted in a visit from Foundation representatives with the intention of future cooperation.

The OSC is sponsoring an oral history documentary now underway by Monadnock Regional High School student Evan Barlow as his senior project. Designed as a celebration of Swanzey's history and historians, "Swanzey Rural Character – the Movie" will include footage Barlow has collected from over sixty interviews with Swanzey citizens. Byproducts include a series of complete interviews – fifteen, to date -- that form a new archive at the Swanzey Historical Museum, as well as "A New Vision for Monadnock Regional High School," an interview with high school principal Brian Pickering that was aired on Cheshire public access television. OSC members are seeking private funding to finance distribution of the "Swanzey Rural Character" DVD to every Swanzey household.

Throughout the year, the residents of Swanzey have thrown their support behind the Committee's efforts. OSC members are deeply grateful to all those who have made or considered donations of easements, taken part in OSC events, contributed invaluable local knowledge and opinions, and shared their stories. Like so many citizens, OSC members cherish Swanzey's rural character -- Swanzey's people, traditions and, of course, its wildlife, natural resources and open space. We constantly are reminded of all the many ways that Swanzey's rural character is well worth protecting. It is a privilege to work on behalf of our great town.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Reck Barlow, Chair

BUCK & IKE
Swanzey's Ambassadors of Open Space Protection

In 2008, the second year of the oxen's ambassadorship, Buck and Ike continued to grow into their new job.

Growth was clearly evident in late July, when the team of Simmentals made their annual visit to the scale house at the Cheshire Fair. Buck, who registered the greater part of the 100-pound team weight increase, considers 6,000 to be a nice, round, memorable number. Despite pointed comments about obesity from their veterinarian (who Ike considers to be under-insulated), the oxen passed their yearly physical examination with a clean bill of health.

Buck and Ike's reputations continued to grow as well. In 2008 the oxen were featured in a *Weekly Market Bulletin* article by NH Commissioner of Agriculture Lorraine Merrill, and in articles in the magazines *NH City and Town* and *NH To Do*. For its 2008 calendar, the NH Local Government Center illustrated the month of May with a photograph of the team submitted by Swanzey Town Clerk Deirdre Geer.

At events in Swanzey and beyond, the oxen championed open space protection and its many benefits. Buck and Ike led the Monadnock Humane Society's Walk for Animals, and marched in the Old Home Day parade and Monadnock Regional High School Homecoming parade. The oxen celebrated their 10th birthday with a party at the Potash Bowl, and gave fifty Swanzey children plush, low maintenance versions of themselves as reverse birthday gifts. Buck and Ike attended the Monadnock Conservancy's annual meeting, and received handsome medallions in recognition of their contributions. At the Cheshire Fair, the team took second place in the "Best Matched Team" event, and came in dead last in a timed obstacle course. (Ike suspects the course was diabolically designed for miniature ponies.)

The Old Homestead and Old Home Day were the highlights of the season. Between rehearsals and performances at the Potash Bowl, the sociable oxen visited with friends from the Carpenter Home, passers-by, and scores of children and their families. The team successfully navigated their hay cart around the stage's sharp corner, and reveled in the applause during curtain calls.

A new "Swanzey Rural Character" button features Deb Crowder's portrait of the oxen. Jeanne Thieme's painting of the team in the Old Home Day parade graces the cover of the latest DVD, "New Adventures of Buck and Ike," which includes stories from Mike Johnson as bonus material. Swanzey's farm stand, 24 Carrots, has designed a fund-raising chocolate bar that bears an edible version of the oxen's portrait. Douglas Cuddle Toy's plush oxen with red "Buck and Ike" kerchiefs continue to find loving homes.

Buck and Ike are grateful to all the personal assistants who make their appearances possible – teamsters Jeanne Thieme, Dana Mannion, Deb Crowder, and Victoria Barlow, safety commissioner Katherine Feist, transportation specialist Steve Stowell and, most importantly, team owner Mike Johnson, who launched the oxen on their second career. Buck and Ike are grateful for the fine artists in their lives, and for filmmaker Bruce Barlow, who captures footage of the oxen's many adventures. Buck and Ike's friends at Town Hall -- Ruth Snyder, Lori Belletete, and Dee Geer – keep on display and help fans purchase the merchandise that pays for winter hay. The Cheshire Horse, Buck and Ike's Friend for the Long Haul, is the oxen's guardian angel – as well as their favorite place to shop!

This year Buck and Ike would like to express special gratitude to the Swanzey Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Beth Fox, and Town Planner Sara Carbonneau. Previous employment in the forest products industry gave Buck and Ike little exposure to civic matters, and to the complexities of town management. Now that they are worldly, Buck and Ike thank their lucky stars for the support and encouragement of these five courageous, dedicated and hard-working people.

SWANZEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

During 2008, volunteers cleaned, sleeved and completed the two Peter Pan Kindergarten and Miller photograph albums. A number of loose photographs were cleaned and are now ready to categorize and place in albums to be accessioned. A new exhibit was created by using some of our signature quilts and the staff added to and rearranged two other exhibits.

The museum entered a contest to win $25,000 sponsored by the Robert & Karin Findley Foundation. It was a challenge extended to all New Hampshire libraries, museums and historical societies to help increase their membership. We had a booth at Swanzey's Old Home Day with membership forms available and a special membership letter was mailed out to the townspeople. We doubled our membership and although, we didn't win the contest, we wish to thank everyone who supported us and became members.

We acquired a child's old school desk donated by Doreen Rinaldi-Lane. We were also given an important piece of Swanzey history when the Perry family donated the grandfather clock given to David Perry by the Town when he retired as a selectman in 1986. The Open Space Committee sponsored the taping of interviews for its documentary, "Swanzey Rural Character: The Movie" an oral history of the town, told by its historians and storytellers. The museum feels privileged to have eleven unedited DVDs of the interviews with various townspeople.

Some of the projects we hope to complete in 2009 are getting the cleaned, loose photographs in albums and finish the album we started on the Arthur Whitcomb, Inc. Company by cleaning and filing the large collection of loose photographs documenting the company's growth. Also, we have about 36 scrapbooks filled with newspaper clippings and memorabilia that need attention. One matter that has been on the back burner for too long is getting the furnace room fireproofed. We hope to get this done before the museum opens this spring.

The museum is always in need of volunteers. If you or a friend would like to help, there are workshops held on Wednesdays at 9 am beginning in January. Please call Jo Gregory at 352-7268 or Mary Faulkner at 352-4486 if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Gregory Eileen Wheelock Ernest Perry Mary Faulkner

VETERANS' COUNCIL EXPENDITURES

Band (MRHS)	$ 300.00
Facilities & Refreshments	300.00
Guest Speakers	50.00
Flags	497.00
Total	$1,147.00

Note: Town appropriation funds Swanzey's Memorial Day and Veterans Day Tributes.

Respectfully submitted,
James H. Devine, II

WEST SWANZEY SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

There were no sidewalks done in 2008.

Sidewalk work that is under contract for 2009 are Cobble Hill Road, Spring Street, Eaton Road and Maple Street. The total footage for these sidewalks is 745 feet.

There are more sidewalks slated to be done totaling 2,150 feet.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Ayotte, Chair

Ernest Perry	Michael Gomarlo
Marjorie Read	Marion Bedard
Pauline Cheney	Theresa Diluzio
Lena Whipple	Jim Weston

SWANZEY REVENUE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Swanzey Revenue Development District (SRDD) Advisory Board activity in 2008 focused on planning for the extension of road, water and sewer eastward toward Route 12 and the Cheshire Fairgrounds property. Cost estimates for the proposed work were updated. In addition, in partnership with the North Swanzey Water and Fire Precinct, a portion of the 2005 bond proceeds remaining were committed to extension of an 8" water line along Route 32 from Page Court to south of Safford Drive improving the water service to the district. As part of this work, closure of the Page Court at its intersection of Route 32 approved by voters in 2006 was completed.

Development creating additional increment to put toward the purposes of the district got a boost in 2008 with construction beginning on a parcel within the district along Route 32 of a 36,000 square foot facility for Moore Nanotechnologies which is relocating to Swanzey's Industrial Park District from Keene. Activity in 2007 added almost $500,000 in assessed value contributing increment toward the district's purposes resulting in tax increment generated by the district exceeding its current debt service obligations associated with Phase I.

The Board will continue its activities in 2009 as plans move forward. It expects to be a participant in joint meetings with Selectmen, property owners and others interested in diversifying the town's tax base with additional commercial or industrial development. The establishment by Selectmen in 2008 of an Economic Development Advisory Committee is expected to complement the efforts of this advisory board. Further information regarding the district and its plans may be obtained by contacting any board member or Town Administrator Beth Fox.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Krisch, Chair

Swanzey Revenue Development District Advisory Board

Dave Krisch, Chair — Larry Crowder, Vice-Chair
Gary Davis — Glenn W. Page — Adrian Pinney

Financial Report
Swanzey Revenue Development District (SRDD)
Tax Increment Financing District established 1999 & Expanded 2003

Calculation of Assessed Value for SRDD Increment	
Original Assessed Value (1999 & 2003 Expansion)	6,443,112
Assessed Value of District Tax Year 2008	9,741,587
Assessed Value of District Increment 2008	$3,298,475
Tax Increment Created Tax Year 2008	93,386
Tax Increment Prior Years	101,330
Increment Expended Tax Year 2008	65,263
Balance of Accumulated Increment 12/31/2007	$129,454
SRDD Bond Issues 2005 Expenditures	
Debt Service Incurred 2005 (Phase I Road/Utilities, Planning)	$500,000
Project expenses paid through 12/31/2007	439,110
Project expenses paid (or committed) during 2008	35,106
Balance Available for Project Expense 12/31/2008	$25,784

2009 Warrant

Town of Swanzey
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Swanzey in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Monadnock Regional High School/Middle School Auditorium, Swanzey, NH on **Tuesday, the third day of February 2009 at seven in the evening (7:00 p.m.)**. The First Deliberative Session will consist of explanation, discussion, debate of articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except election of officers and those whose wording is prescribed by state law (Articles 1 and 9).

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the annual Town Meeting on **Tuesday, the tenth day of March 2009, at the Christian Life Fellowship Church, 211 Whitcomb Road, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.** to vote by official ballot to elect town officers, to vote by official ballot on warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session and those other official ballot questions whose wording is prescribed by state law (Articles 1 and 9).

Article 1 To choose by ballot all necessary town officers including a Selectman, a Town Clerk, a Trustee of the Trust Funds, 2 Zoning Board of Adjustment members, 2 Planning Board members, a Library Trustee and a Sewer Commissioner.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $5,405,375? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $5,280,528, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $493,750 to be placed in the following expendable trust and capital reserve accounts of the Town:

Expendable Trust Funds	Amount	Capital Reserve Funds	Amount
Town Hall Improvements	$10,000	Fire Trucks	$80,000
Town Hall Computers	$7,500	Future Fire Station	$25,000
Revaluations & Updates	$30,000	Highway & Cemetery Equipment.	$75,000
Police Facility Improvements	$2,500	Town Bridges	$17,500
Fire Station Maintenance	$15,000	Covered Bridges	$10,000
Fire Tools & Equipment	$5,000	Recreation Facilities Improvements	$7,500
Emergency Communications	$5,000	Recycling Center Improvements	$10,000
Road Rehab. & Reconstruction	$145,000	Conservation Land Acquisition	$25,000
DPW Facility Improvements	$10,000		
Cemetery Expansion & Layout	$9,750		
Mt. Caesar Union Library	$2,000		
Stratton Free Library	$2,000		

or take any action thereon. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be placed in an expendable trust pursuant to RSA 31:19-a to be used for purchase of computer hardware, software, information management systems (IMS) and their upgrades for the Police Department, and to appoint Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund, or take any action thereon. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers in the Town of Swanzey, provided by RSA 72:39, to be as follows:

For person 65 years of age up to 75 years: $ 25,000
For person 75 years of age up to 80 years: $ 35,000
For person 80 years of age or older: $ 40,000

In addition to other requirements of RSA 72:39, to qualify, taxpayers must have a net income of not more than $24,000 if single, or if married a combined net income of not more than $32,000, and own assets not in excess of $50,000, excluding the value of a person's residence, or take any action thereon.

Article 6 Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

Article 7 Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a,I(a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

"Resolved: We the citizens of Swanzey, N.H. believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that is just and fair." (SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

Article 9 To vote by ballot on the following eleven (11) amendments to the Town of Swanzey Zoning Ordinance:

Amendment No. 1: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section II.A. and X-A.A. to include as follows: Amend the zoning map of the Town of Swanzey dated September 1, 1947, as amended, to show the portions of the properties currently shown as Tax Map 19, Lots 97, 97-2, 98, 99, 100, 101 and 102 that are currently located in the Business District as being in the Industrial Park District and amend the description of the Industrial Park District to include the same.

Amendment No. 2: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section II.A. and X-A.A. to include as follows: Amend the zoning map of the Town of Swanzey dated September 1, 1947, as amended, to show the portion of the property currently shown as Tax Map 19, Lot 97-5 that is currently located in the Residence District as being in the Industrial Park District and amend the description of the Industrial Park District to include the same.

Amendment No. 3: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section V.B.1. (uses permitted in the Business District) to include the following:
Function halls
and **add** the following definition to Section XIII (Definitions)

"Function Hall: A building or part thereof used primarily for conducting activities such as suppers, banquets, receptions, meetings and other functions attended by large groups of people for a single event. Function halls may or may not include kitchen facilities."

Amendment No. 4: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section V.B.1. (uses permitted in the Business District) to include the following:
Indoor auctions.

Amendment No. 5: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Delete Section VIII Shorelands Protection District in its entirety and **replace it with the following:**

"A. SHORELAND PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Shoreland Protection District is hereby established as an overlay district which is superimposed over the conventional existing zoning. The uses permitted in the underlying districts shall be allowed only if they meet the minimum standards promulgated by the State of

New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, RSA 483-B (as amended). Pursuant to authority granted by RSA 674:14, this Shoreland Protection District is adopted by the Town of Swanzey to further protect the public waters of the Town.

B. TOWN OF SWANZEY SHORELAND PROTECTION DISTRICT includes all those lands defined as "Protected shoreland" in RSA 483-B, XV and as may be amended and any related administrative rules or regulations. As of July 1, 2008 the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services "Consolidated List of Water Bodies Subject to RSA 483-B, the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act" included the following:

4th order streams and designated rivers:
Ashuelot River – *Designated Segment;*
Ashuelot River – 4th Order;
South Branch Ashuelot River;
Ash Swamp Brook;
Martin Brook;

Lakes & Ponds:
Ashuelot River Dam;
California Brook;
Swanzey Lake;
Upper Wilson Pond; and
Wilson Pond.

C. PRIMARY BUILDING LINE/SETBACK: No primary structure as defined by RSA 483-B, shall be built, placed or erected within one hundred twenty-five feet from the reference line as defined by RSA 483-B:4,XVII as may be amended."

And **delete** existing Section II.A.6. and replace with:

"**6. Shoreland Protection District.** The Shoreland Protection District is hereby established as an overlay district which is superimposed over the conventional existing zoning. The uses permitted in the underlying districts shall be allowed only if they meet the minimum standards promulgated by the State of New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, RSA 483-B (as amended). Pursuant to authority granted by RSA 674:14, this Shoreland Protection District is adopted by the Town of Swanzey to further protect the public waters of the Town.

Amendment No. 6: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Delete Section III.P. in its entirety.

Amendment No. 7: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Delete Sections III.A.2. and III.A.3. in their entirety.

Amendment No. 8: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section III.A.4. to read as follows: No more than one "one-family dwelling" may be permitted on a lot.

Amendment No. 9: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section III. to include new section III.AA. Accessory Dwelling Unit

"III.AA. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE

Purpose

For the purpose of providing expanded housing opportunities and flexibility in household arrangements to accommodate family members or non-related people of a permitted, owner occupied, one family dwelling, while maintaining aesthetics and residential use compatible with homes in the neighborhood. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) shall be permitted by Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in the Residence, Rural/Agricultural, and Village Business Districts.

Requirements/Limitations

1. ADUs shall be secondary and accessory to a one family dwelling unit.
2. In granting a Special Exception, the Board of Adjustment must find that the ADU is developed in a manner which does not alter the character or appearance of the principal dwelling unit as a one family residence.
3. Only one ADU shall be allowed per lot.
4. An ADU shall only be permitted in a principal dwelling unit in which the owner of record of the dwelling personally resides: except for bona fide temporary absences.
5. Any necessary additional entrances or exits shall be located to the side or rear of the building whenever possible.
6. Attached ADUs shall be designed to allow for possible reincorporating into the principal dwelling unit.
7. At least one (1) common, interior access between the principal dwelling structure and the ADU shall be maintained. A second means of egress from the ADU shall be provided.
8. The gross living area of an ADU shall not be less than 300 square feet or be greater than 25% of the total floor area of the principal dwelling and ADU.
9. A building permit for an ADU must be approved and issued prior to its construction. An ADU shall have an interconnected fire alarm system and shall meet all life safety and building codes.
10. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided to serve the combined needs of the principal dwelling unit and the ADU, minimum three (3) parking spaces to serve both the one family dwelling and the ADU.
11. Adequate provision must exist or be made for motor vehicle ingress or egress and turning of vehicles within the site.
12. The existing or proposed septic system must be certified by a licensed septic designer or engineer as adequate to support the ADU and principal dwelling unit in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 485-A:38.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Certificate of Occupancy

If a property containing an approved ADU is conveyed and the new owner wishes to maintain the accessory unit, the new owner shall apply for a Certificate of Occupancy for the ADU. The purpose of this section is to ensure that one of the two dwelling units is owner-occupied.

Procedural Requirements

An application for Special Exception approval under the auspices of this Section shall require that all plans submitted with any application for an ADU building permit denote, describe and/or identify the intended ADU area within the principal dwelling unit as such.

Amendment No. 10: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Delete Section XI.B. Non-conforming Building/Non-conforming Structure in its entirety and replace with the following:

"B. Non-conforming Building/Non-conforming Structure: A non-conforming building or non-conforming structure may be continued indefinitely and may be repaired or remodeled subject to the following limitations:

1. Restoration, reconstruction, alteration and/or replacement of nonconforming buildings/structures are allowed, provided that the cubic contents and the footprint of the original building/structure stays the same or smaller; any nonconforming buildings/structures that have been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, by other natural disaster, or by voluntary demolition may be replaced within one year of the damage or demolition in the same or smaller footprint and with the same or smaller cubic contents.

2. The relocation on a lot of a structure that does not comply with the setback provisions is allowed provided the new location complies with the setback provisions.

Amendment No. 11: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section III.U.6. Home Occupations to read as follows:

"6. Home Occupations may occur within the dwelling unit and/or within an accessory structure subject to the condition that the home occupation does not result in the use of any area greater than 300 square feet."

Article 10 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting, or take any action thereon.

Given under our hand and seal this 21 day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.

Nancy L. Carlson
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Bruce L. Tatro
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Deborah J. Davis
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Selectmen of Swanzey

A true copy – Attest:

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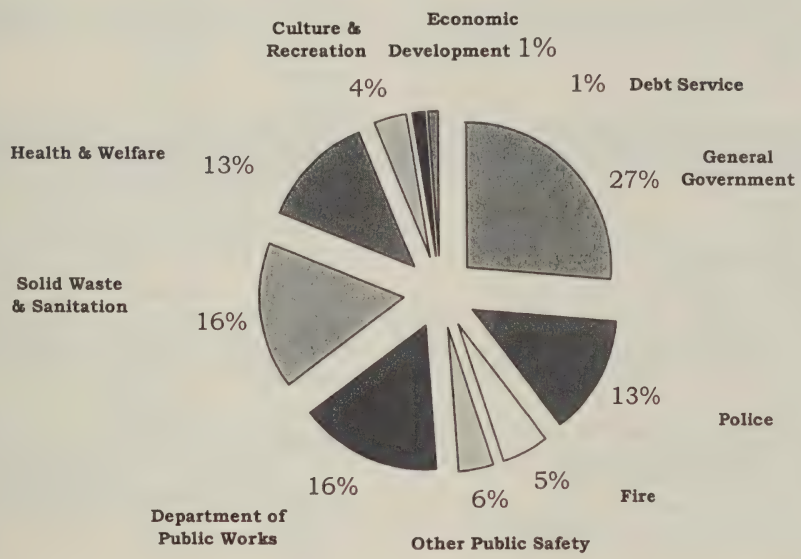
2009 Recommended Town Operating Budget

excluding individual articles



Town of Swanzey Budget 2009 Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 2008	Expended 2008	Recommended 2009
General Government	1,408,320	1,248,902	1,428,595
Police Department	720,690	713,236	724,810
Fire Department	180,000	178,589	285,920
Other Public Safety	186,985	182,185	202,590
Department of Public Works	831,185	823,312	860,015
Solid Waste & Sanitation	876,010	811,042	885,940
Health & Welfare	641,380	654,956	684,635
Culture & Recreation	186,008	180,947	202,845
Economic Development	68,265	65,403	72,230
Debt Service	101,650	98,150	57,795
Recommended Operating Budget	**$5,200,493**	**$4,956,720**	**$5,405,375**
Individual & Special Articles	78,110	60,667	5,000
Reserves & Trusts	648,300	648,300	493,750
Total Recommended Appropriations	**$5,926,903**	**$5,665,687**	**$5,904,125**

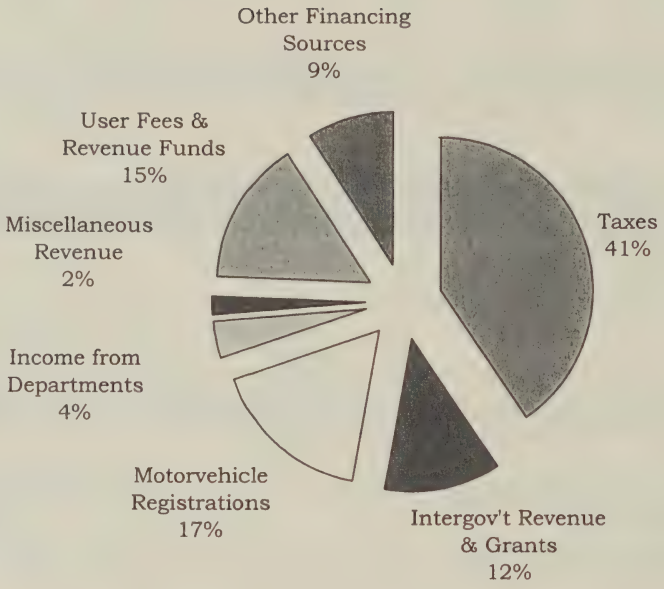
Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 2008	Expended 2008	Recommended 2009
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	106,275	104,873	117,010
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	88,515	73,843	78,120
Financial Administration	125,240	124,151	131,355
Reappraisal of Property	36,875	37,170	40,500
Legal & Professional Services	91,825	76,118	91,595
Personel Administration	212,040	189,130	227,200
Land Use Boards	121,960	108,803	121,840
General Government Bdgs	18,900	17,741	19,855
Insurance	566,945	477,179	561,255
Other General Government	39,745	39,893	39,865
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	720,690	713,236	724,810
Fire Department	180,000	178,589	285,920
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY			
Special Duty Police	10,000	22,320	10,000
School Resource Officer	74,140	59,849	74,980
Prosecution Services	40,000	40,370	46,510
Special Duty Fire	1,500	-	1,500
Ambulance Service	31,470	31,000	31,470
Emergency Management	29,875	28,645	38,130
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
Highways, Streets & Bridges	704,900	703,682	730,490
Cemetery, Parks & Facilities Maintenance	101,735	95,835	102,870
Street Lighting	20,500	21,144	23,005
Dams	4,050	2,650	3,650
SANITATION & SOLID WASTE			
Recycling Center	376,800	368,512	379,900
Sewer Commission	499,210	442,530	506,040
HEALTH & WELFARE			
Health Officer	4,770	3,778	5,030
Animal Control	10,360	7,050	10,360
Health & Welfare Agencies	54,770	54,270	56,760
General Assistance	159,200	191,951	190,700
Carpenter Home	412,280	397,907	421,785
CULTURE, CONSERVATION & RECREATION			
Libraries	90,658	92,065	99,020
Memorial & Old Home Day	6,200	4,935	5,200
PEG Access Channel	25,025	27,467	36,000
Open Space Committee	6,575	6,340	6,575
Recreation Committee	57,550	50,139	56,050
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Swanzey Revenue Development District	68,265	65,263	66,230
Economic Development Advisory Committee	-	140	6,000

Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 2008	Expended 2008	Recommended 2009
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal - Long term Bonds	83,870	83,870	13,310
Interest - Long term Bonds	14,280	14,280	13,730
Capital Leases	-	-	27,255
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	3,500	-	3,500
RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET	**$5,200,493**	**$4,956,720**	**$5,405,375**

INDIVIDUAL & SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES	Approved 2008	Expended 2008	Recommended 2009
2009 Individual & Special Articles			
Police Department IMS Expendable Trust			5,000
2008 Individual & Special Articles			
Police Cruisers Lease	28,110	27,250	included in above '09
Full time Fire Chief	50,000	33,417	included in above '09
Cap. Reserve & Expendable Trust Funds	648,300	648,300	493,750
RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS	**$5,926,903**	**$5,665,687**	**$5,904,125**

TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS	**$5,904,125**
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES	**$3,629,489**
NET RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS	**$2,274,636**

Estimated Revenues - Recommended Budget 2009
Town of Swanzey



Estimated Revenues	Estimated 2009
Taxes	2,396,136
Intergov't Revenue & Grants	717,742
Motorvehicle Registrations	1,000,000
Income from Departments	227,790
Miscellaneous Revenue	124,700
User Fees & Revenue Funds	894,757
Other Financing Sources	543,000
Total Estimated Revenues	**$5,904,125**

ESTIMATED REVENUES (Excluding Property Taxes)	Estimated 2008	Actual 2008	Estimated 2009
TAX COLLECTOR			
Land Use Change Taxes	15,000	12,820	15,000
Yield Taxes	35,000	24,770	30,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	78,000	67,784	75,000
Excavation Taxes	1,500	1,450	1,500
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Shared Revenue	376,839	376,839	377,000
Highway Grant	159,232	158,688	165,464
Water Pollution Grant (WS System)	11,675	11,675	11,377
Water Pollution Grant (NS System)	89,716	89,716	87,921
Misc. State Grants & Forest Fires	1,000	1,237	1,000
School Resource Officer	74,140	57,576	74,980
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Vehicle Registrations	1,040,000	1,073,191	1,000,000
Dog Licenses & Dog Fines	9,000	8,886	9,000
Town Clerk Licenses & Permits	24,000	28,081	24,000
Building Permits	40,000	49,842	40,000
Event & Other Permits	2,000	2,382	2,000
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS			
General Government	4,000	4,642	5,400
Land Use Boards	11,000	13,508	10,000
Police Department	4,000	4,329	4,000
Special Duty Police	10,000	22,221	10,000
Fire Department	-	-	-
Special Duty Fire	1,500	-	1,500
Emergency Management	12,070	9,880	15,390
Highways, Streets & Bridges	4,500	3,368	4,500
Cemeteries	14,000	15,825	14,000
Recycling Center	110,000	112,546	60,000
Recreation Committee	29,500	29,673	28,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Interest on Deposits	150,000	144,638	100,000
Sale of Town Property	5,000	14,078	2,000
Repayment of General Assistance	2,200	2,111	2,200
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	16,305	19,771	20,500
OTHER FINANCING			
Income from Sewer Department	397,819	397,819	406,742
Carpenter Home Special Revenue Fund	412,280	399,760	421,785
Swanzey Revenue Development District	68,265	65,263	66,230
Cable Franchise Fee	25,025	27,467	36,000
Trust Fund Withdrawals	5,000	8,712	7,000
Fund Balance	700,000	700,000	500,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	**$3,939,566**	**$3,960,547**	**$3,629,489**

Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 2008	Adjustments Increases/(Reductions)	Default 2009
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	106,275	(564)	105,711
Elections,Registrations & Vital Statistics	88,515	(7,115)	81,400
Financial Administration	125,240	3,500	128,740
Reappraisal of Property	36,875	600	37,475
Legal & Professional Services	91,825	-	91,825
Personel Administration	212,040	13,660	225,700
Land Use Boards	121,960	(1,890)	120,070
General Government Bdgs	18,900	1,455	20,355
Insurance	566,945	12,685	579,630
Other General Government	39,745	-	39,745
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	720,690	(5,790)	714,900
Fire Department	180,000	73,820	253,820
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY			
Special Duty Police	10,000	-	10,000
School Resource Officer	74,140	445	74,585
Prosecution Services	40,000	6,510	46,510
Special Duty Fire	1,500	-	1,500
Ambulance Service	31,470	-	31,470
Emergency Management	29,875	2,410	32,285
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
Highways, Streets & Bridges	704,900	11,000	715,900
Cemetery, Parks & Facilities Maintenance	101,735	336	102,071
Street Lighting	20,500	2,508	23,008
Dams	4,050	-	4,050
SANITATION & SOLID WASTE			
Recycling Center	376,800	(1,555)	375,245
Sewer Commission	499,210	(1,435)	497,775
HEALTH & WELFARE			
Health Officer	4,770	-	4,770
Animal Control	10,360	-	10,360
Health & Welfare Agencies	54,770	-	54,770
General Assistance	159,200	-	159,200
Carpenter Home	412,280	3,220	415,500
CULTURE, CONSERVATION & RECREATION			
Libraries	90,658	1,150	91,808
Memorial & Old Home Day	6,200	-	6,200
PEG Access Channel	25,025	10,975	36,000
Open Space Committee	6,575	-	6,575
Recreation Committee	57,550	-	57,550
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Swanzey Revenue Development District	68,265	(2,035)	66,230
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal - Long term Bonds	83,870	(70,560)	13,310
Interest - Long term Bonds	14,280	(550)	13,730
Other Debt Service	-	27,255	27,255
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	3,500	-	3,500
TOWN OPERATING BUDGET	**$5,200,493**	**$80,035**	**$5,280,528**

NORTH SWANZEY WATER & FIRE PRECINCT

Thanks to a grant from New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority, we will be able to extend water service southerly on Route 12 from Suburban Acres to the entrance of the new senior housing development being built by Southwest Community Services. This continues our long range plan to expand southerly to eventually connect with Safford Drive. This would create a desirable "loop" arrangement for better service.

As part of providing water service to Moore Nanotechnology's new building on Route 32, a new water line is being extended southerly from Page Court across Safford Drive. This will provide additional water capacity required as further development in the TIF District proceeds.

Discussions are currently underway concerning extending water to the potential development of the Bardwell property.

Good relations and cooperation with town staff and DPW continues with a thank you to all involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Beauregard, Chair
Fred R. Pitcher, Sylvester R. Karasinski
North Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct Commissioners

NORTH SWANZEY WATER & FIRE PRECINCT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 2008

The annual meeting of the North Swanzey Water and Fire Precinct was held at the Swanzey Town Hall on March 18, 2008 at 7:02 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Beauregard. Anne Karasinski, appointed Moderator, read the warrant for the meeting and the return of the posting thereon. There were a total of six precinct members present including Chairman Robert Beauregard, Commissioner Sylvester Karasinski, Commissioner Fred R. Pitcher, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Truedelle, and Moderator Anne Karasinski. Superintendent William Snyder and Supervisor of the Checklist Ruth Snyder were also in attendance.

Article 1. The following officers were elected:

Water Commissioner-3 years	Fred R. Pitcher
Moderator-1 year	Anne Karasinski

Article 2. After amending the amount from $310,450 to $302,250 (to correct the inclusion of the capital reserve fund amounts), the Precinct voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $302,250 to defray expenses incidental to the business of the Precinct.
Article 3. The Precinct voted to raise and appropriate the sum $5,200 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for water lines.
Article 4. The Precinct voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for equipment.
Article 5. There was a short discussion on general matters concerning the Precinct.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvester Karasinski, Commissioner & *Linda Trudelle*, Secretary/Treasurer

NORTH SWANZEY WATER & FIRE PRECINCT
RECOMMENDED BUDGET 2009

Revenues	Received 2008	Estimated 2009 Operations	Estimated 2009 Capital Reserve
From Taxes	$ 55,338	$ 55,000	$ -
From Water Rents	114,379	151,300	-
Lines & Meters	113,119	107,000	-
Transfers from Capital Reserve	-	-	30,000
Fund Balance to be used to Reduce Taxes	-	4,081	-
Transfers from Water Rate Stabilization Fund	-	11,200	-
From Tax Increment Finance District	-	-	30,000
Hydrant Rentals	11,243	13,872	-
Service Income	1,105	2,500	-
Interest Income	1,614	1,000	-
Miscellaneous Income	27	500	-
Revenue Sharing	536	500	-
Total Revenues	**$ 297,360**	**$ 346,953**	**$ 60,000**

Operating Expenditures	Expended 2008	Recommended 2009 Operations	Recommended 2009 Capital Reserve
Water purchases	$ 119,658	$ 151,300	$ -
Hydrant rentals	25,296	27,744	-
Truck expenses	1,083	1,000	-
Maintenance			
Lines	23,177	22,000	-
Building	246	1,000	-
Equipment	518	500	-
Service	743	2,500	-
Capital reserve project - lines & meters		-	60,000
Capital reserve project - equipment		-	-
Utilities	2,177	2,100	-
Insurance	2,131	2,700	-
Legal and accounting	3,978	4,000	-
Engineering	-	1,000	-
Office expense	253	500	-
Billing software maintenance	3,418	3,500	-
Uniforms and rags	2,100	2,000	-
Payroll taxes	3,711	3,700	-
Telephone	1,791	2,000	-
License and permits	64	350	-
Payroll	47,177	46,250	-
Water test	3,495	4,000	-
Postage	873	1,000	-
Printing	312	600	-
Association dues	355	400	-
Depreciation	4,151	-	-
Wilson Pond Debt Service - Principal	21,690	21,690	-
Wilson Pond Debt Service - Interest	22,814	21,919	-
Total Operating Expenditures	**$ 291,212**	**$ 323,753**	**$ 60,000**
Capital Reserve Funds & Expendable Trusts			
Water lines Capital Reserve	$ 5,200	$ 5,200	$ -
Equipment Capital Reserve	3,000	3,000	-
Meters Capital Reserve	-	15,000	-
Total Reserve Funds & Trusts	**$ 8,200**	**$ 23,200**	**$ -**
Total Recommended Appropriations	**$ 299,412**	**$ 346,953**	**$ 60,000**

NORTH SWANZEY WATER & FIRE PRECINCT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

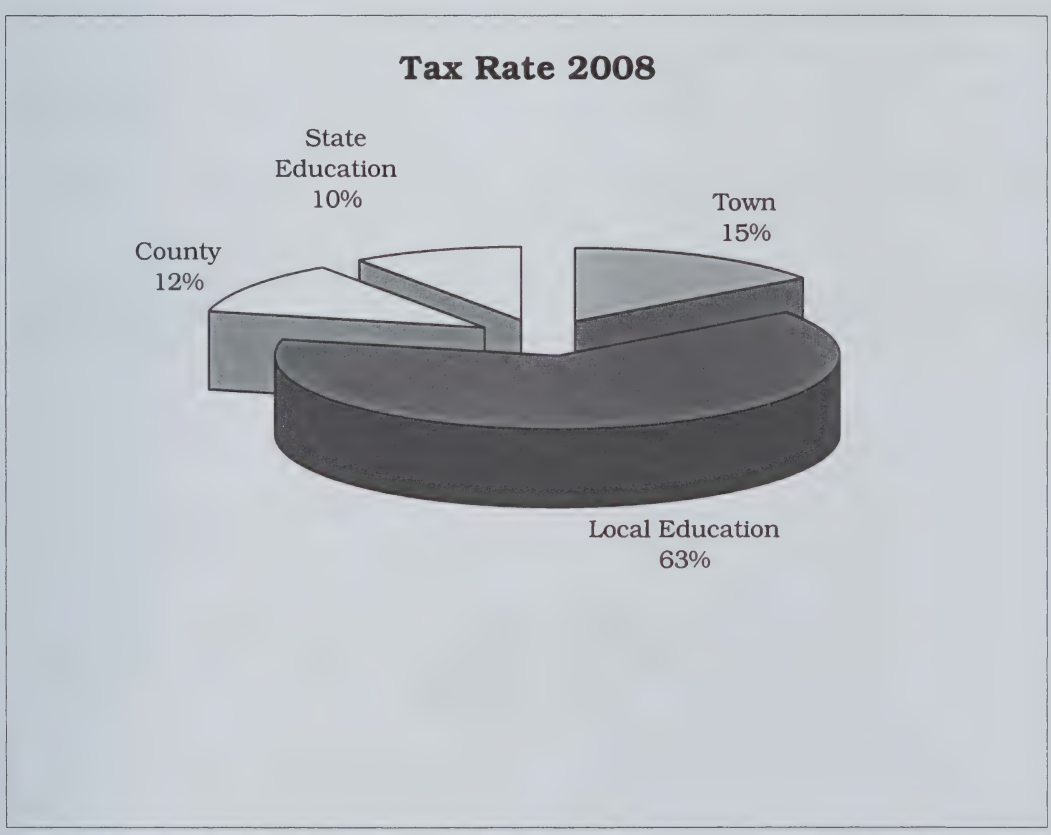
REVENUES	Operations	Capital Reserve Lines	Capital Reserve Equipment	Expendable Trust Water Rate Stabilization	Wilson Pond Project Fund	Total
Water rents	$ 114,379	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 114,379
Lines & Meters	$ 113,119	-	-	-	-	$ 113,119
Tax receipts	55,338	-	-	-	-	55,338
Hydrant rentals	11,243	-	-	-	-	11,243
Customer service income	1,105	-	-	-	-	1,105
Miscellaneous	27	-	-	-	-	27
Revenue sharing	536	-	-	-	-	536
Interest income	1,614	2,394	215	1,999	5	6,227
USDA Rural Development Grant					15,122	
Total revenues	$ 297,360	$ 2,394	$ 215	$ 1,999	$ 15,128	$ 317,095
EXPENDITURES						
Water purchases	119,658	-	-	-	-	119,658
Hydrant rentals	25,296	-	-	-	-	25,296
Truck expenses	1,083	-	-	-	-	1,083
Maintenance - lines	23,177	-	-	-	-	23,177
Maintenance - building	246	-	-	-	-	246
Maintenance - equipment	518	-	-	-	-	518
Capital Reserve Project - Meters	-	-	-	-	-	-
Customer service	743	-	-	-	-	743
Utilities	2,177	-	-	-	-	2,177
Insurance	2,131	-	-	-	-	2,131
Legal and accounting	3,978	-	-	-	-	3,978
Office expense	253	-	-	-	-	253
Billing software maintenance	3,418	-	-	-	-	3,418
Uniforms and rags	2,100	-	-	-	-	2,100
Payroll taxes	3,711	-	-	-	-	3,711
Telephone	1,791	-	-	-	-	1,791
Licenses and permits	64	-	-	-	-	64
Wages	47,177	-	-	-	-	47,177
Water tests	3,495	-	-	-	-	3,495
Postage	873	-	-	-	-	873
Printing	312	-	-	-	-	312
Association dues	355	-	-	-	-	355
Depreciation	4,151	-	-	-	-	4,151
Interest-Wilson Pond Project	22,590	-	-	-	-	22,590
Wilson Pond Project expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	$ 269,298	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 269,298
TRANSFERS						
To capital reserve fund - lines	(5,200)	5,200	-	-	-	-
To capital reserve fund - equipment	(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-	-
To Wilson Pond Project Fund	(21,914)	15,122	-	-	6,792	-
Total Transfers	$ (30,114)	$ 20,322	$ 3,000	$ -	$ 6,792	$ -
Excess of Revenue over Expenses & Transfers	$ (2,052)	$ 22,716	$ 3,215	$ 1,999	$ 21,919	$ 47,797

NORTH SWANZEY WATER & FIRE PRECINCT BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS	Operations	Capital Reserve Funds Lines	Capital Reserve Funds Equipment	Expendable Trust Water Rate Stabilization	Wilson Pond Project Fund	Total
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash	$ 142,865	$ 104,803	$ 11,879	$ 83,270	$ 17,235	$ 360,053
Accounts receivable	56,599	-	-	-	-	56,599
Due from (to) other fund	-	15,122			(15,122)	
Inventory	6,655	-	-	-	-	6,655
Total Current Assets	$206,120	$119,926	$11,879	$83,270	$2,112	$423,307
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT						
Land	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Building	6,049	-	-	-	-	6,049
Equipment	14,684	-	-	-	-	14,684
Pipe lines	143,827	-	-	-	-	143,827
Vehicles	19,103	-	-	-	-	19,103
	184,662	-	-	-	-	184.662
Less: accumulated depreciation	170,320	-	-	-	-	170,320
	14,342	-	-	-	-	14,342
	$ 220,462	$ 119,926	$ 11,879	$ 83,270	$ 2,112	$ 437,649
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ 32,859	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 32,859
Payroll taxes payable	1,430	-	-	-	-	1,430
Accrued Interest	-	-	-	-	5,592	5,592
Total Current Liabilities	34,289	-	-	-	5,592	39,881
LONG TERM DEBT						
Note Payable- USDA Rural Dev.	-	-	-	-	542,230	542,230
FUND BALANCES						
Unrestricted	186,173	-	-	-	-	186,173
Capital reserve fund - water lines	-	119,926	-	-	-	119,926
Capital reserve fund - equipment	-	-	11,879	-	-	11,879
Expendable trust - water rate stabilization	-	-	-	83,270	-	83,270
Wilson Pond Project Fund	-	-	-	-	(545,709)	(545,709)
	$186,173	$119,926	$11,879	$83,270	-$545,709	-$144,461
	$ 220,462	$ 119,926	$ 11,879	$ 83,270	$ 2,112	$ 437,649

Tax Rate Information 2006 thru 2008

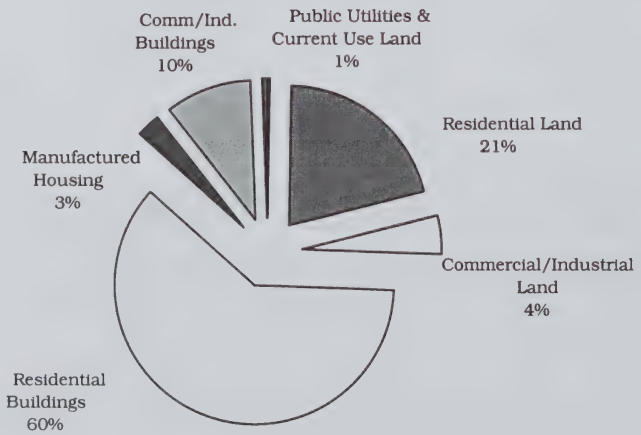
Breakdown of Tax Rate	2006 Tax Rate	2007 Tax Rate	2008 Tax Rate	2008 Commitment
Town Rate	3.55	3.76	4.16	$2,005,322
Local Education Tax Rate	15.33	13.67	17.70	$8,532,009
County Rate	2.19	2.40	3.30	$1,590,115
State Education Rate	2.56	2.56	2.68	$1,280,403
Total Town Wide Tax Rate	**$23.63**	**$22.39**	**$27.84**	**$13,407,849**
NS Water & Fire Precinct	0.76	0.75	0.74	$55,338
Perry Lane Lighting Precinct	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



Summary of Assessed Valuation 2008

Breakdown of Assessed Valuation	Town of Swanzey	NS Water & Fire	Perry Ln Light
Current Use Land	1,836,769	19,585	0
Residential Land	99,716,800	15,538,930	0
Commercial/Industrial Land	21,667,198	3,240,200	0
Residential Buildings	295,718,446	39,905,200	4,347,300
Manufactured Housing	12,871,500	231,700	0
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	48,407,095	15,661,600	0
Public Utilities	3,288,121	448,500	0
Total Value Before Statutory Exemptions	**$483,505,929**	**$75,045,715**	**$4,347,300**
EXEMPTIONS			
Certain Disabled Veterans	250,600	0	0
Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabi	2,330		
Blind Exemptions	120,000	15,000	0
Elderly Exemptions	1,192,300	250,000	30,000
Solar Exemptions	20,190	0	0
Total Value of Statutory Exemptions	**$1,585,420**	**$265,000**	**$30,000**
Exempt Land (not included above)	16,114,880	7,459,200	0
Exempt Buildings (not included above)	37,826,105	13,361,300	0
NET VALUATION LOCAL TAX RATES	**$481,920,509**	**$74,780,715**	**$4,317,300**
NET VALUATION STATE EDUCATION RATE (less utilities)			**$478,632,388**

2008 Taxable Assessed Value
Town wide



GENERAL FUND DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS 2008		
FROM LOCAL TAXES	Property Taxes - Current Year (CY)	12,604,607.61
	Property Taxes - Previous Year (PY)	366,936.23
	Tax Liens Redeemed	262,767.57
	Land Use Change Tax (CY & PY)	29,320.00
	Yield (Timber) Taxes (CY & PY)	24,770.36
	Excavation Taxes (CY)	1,450.34
	Tax Interest/Int & Penalities-Redemptions	67,784.20
TOTAL FROM LOCAL TAXES		**13,357,636.31**
LICENSES & PERMITS	Motor Vehicle Registrations	1,074,575.33
	Dog Licenses & Fines	8,886.00
	Fees & Dog Escrow Remitted to State	7,029.50
	Town Clerk Fees & Licenses	28,081.13
	Building, Event & Other Permits	52,223.95
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS		**1,170,795.91**
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	Shared Revenue	412,304.84
	Highway Block Grant	158,688.42
	NH DOT Funded Projects	37,085.53
	School Resource Officer Program	57,575.75
	Forest Fire, Public Safety & Misc. Grants	14,805.96
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES		**680,460.50**
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	Police Department	4,329.08
(Income from Departments)	Recycling Center	112,545.52
	Highways, Streets & Bridges	3,368.24
	Cemeteries	15,825.00
	Fire Department	-
	Emergency Management	9,879.68
	General Government including Land Use	18,349.36
	Recreation Programs & Old Home Day	29,777.50
	Special Duty Police	22,220.50
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES		**216,294.88**
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	Interest on Deposits (General Fund)	144,637.86
	Sale of Town Property	14,078.00
	Repayment of General Assistance/Deferrals	8,458.64
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		**167,174.50**
OTHER FINANCING	Withdrawals - Various Capital Reserves & Trusts	12,905.36
SOURCES	Cemetery Stone/Lot Assignments/Trust Accts	14,400.00
	Donation: South Road field improvements	1,500.00
	Insurance Claims/Retirees Insurance	17,040.05
	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	19,771.43
	Carpenter Home Special Revenue Fund	409,207.84
	Carpenter Home Resident Accounts	4,032.00
	Franchise Fees TW - PEG Access Channel	27,467.34
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		**506,324.02**
TOTAL RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY TREASURER		**$16,098,686.12**

TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

GENERAL FUND		
Reconciled Cash Balance First of Year		$ 6,024,881.23
Plus:		
	Town Clerk's Office Revenues	1,118,571.96
	Tax Collector Office Revenues	13,357,636.31
	Selectmen Revenues including Carpenter Home	1,477,840.00
	Interest Income Earned General Fund Accounts	144,637.86
	West Swanzey WWTP State Aid Grant Received	11,675.00
	North Swanzey WW State Aid Grant Received	89,716.00
Total Cash Available 2008		$ 22,224,958.36
Less:		
	Payments Authorized by Selectmen 2008	15,580,243.40
	Transfer to Conservation Commission Account	10,000.00
	Transfers to Sewer Fund	101,391.00
Plus:		
	Transfer from North Swanzey Project	35,008.68
	Transfers from Sewer Fund	591,420.47
	Transfer from Trustees of Trust Funds	163,616.86
	Transfer from Conservation Commission	2,211.26
Reconciled Cash Balance End of Year 12/31/2008		$ 7,325,581.23
Distribution of Cash on Hand General Fund Accounts		
MBIA Investment Account		$ 10,072.42
Citizens Bank Investment Account		6,096,246.90
Citizens Bank CD Investments		1,000,000.00
Citizens Bank Checking Account		219,261.91

SEWER COMMISSION FUND		
Reconciled Cash Balance First of Year		$ 270,112.62
Plus:		
	Receipts and transfers from the General Fund	650,387.14
Less:		
	Payments authorized by Commission	591,420.47
Reconciled Cash Balance End of Year 12/31/2008		$ 329,079.29
Distribution of Cash on Hand Sewer Commission Fund		
Citizens Bank Checking		$ 1,605.25
Citizens Bank Investment Account		316,630.96
MBIA Investment Account		10,843.08

NORTH SWANZEY PROJECT ACCOUNT			
Reconciled Cash Balance First of Year		$	14,700.47
Plus:			
	N. Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct Revenue		796.24
	Rural Development Sewer Requisition		19,502.53
	Citizens Bank Interest		9.80
Less:			
	Transfers to General Fund	$	35,008.68
Reconciled Cash Balance End of Year 12/31/2008		$	0.36
Distribution of Cash on Hand North Swanzey Project Account			
Citizens Bank Account		$	0.36

SOD FARM ACCOUNT			
Reconciled Cash Balance First of Year		$	2,842.19
Plus:			
	Interest Income		1.90
Reconciled Cash Balance End of Year 12/31/2008		$	2,844.09
Distribution of Cash on Hand Sod Farm Account			
Citizens Bank Account		$	2,844.09

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT			
Reconciled Cash Balance First of Year		$	101,247.57
Plus:			
	Receipts & Interest Income		12,475.21
Less:			
	Payments		2,211.26
Reconciled Cash Balance End of Year 12/31/2008		$	111,511.52
Distribution of Cash on Hand Conservation Commission Account			
Citizens Bank Investment Account			110,006.01
MBIA Investment Account			1,505.51

CONSERVATION COMMISSION CRESSON FOREST			
Reconciled Cash Balance First of Year		$	15,733.76
Plus:			
	Interest Income		356.87
Reconciled Cash Balance End of Year		$	16,090.63
Distribution of Cash on Hand Cresson Forest Accounts			
Citizens Bank Investment Account			15,000.82
MBIA Investment Account			1,089.81

Respectfully submitted,
W. William Hutwelker, III, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2008

Property Taxes	***ON LEVIES OF*** 2008	2007	
Uncollected Taxes 1/1/2008			
Property Taxes	-	645,467.37	
Land Use Change Taxes	-	6,500.00	
Recording Fees - LU Change Taxes	-	51.00	
Yield Taxes	-	15,725.75	
COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR DURING 2008			
Property Taxes	13,546,841.00	-	
Land Use Change Taxes	30,727.00	-	
Yield Taxes	36,924.15	-	
Excavation Activity Taxes	1,450.34	-	
Recording Fees-LU Change Taxes	99.10	-	
Overpayments: Property Taxes	33,620.34	-	
Interest Collected	9,382.15	35,555.01	
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$ 13,659,044.08**	**$ 703,299.13**	
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER DURING 2008			
Property Taxes	12,606,467.61	645,195.37	
Land Use Change Taxes	22,820.00	6,500.00	
Yield Taxes	20,224.88	5,072.48	
Excavation Taxes	1,450.34	-	
Land Change Use Recording Fees	66.26	51.00	
Interest Collected	9,382.15	35,555.01	
Abatements: Property Taxes	710.24	272.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/2008			
Property Taxes	973,283.49	-	
Land Use Change Taxes	7,907.00	-	
Recording Fees-LU Change Taxes	32.84	-	
Yield Taxes	16,699.27	10,653.27	
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$ 13,659,044.08**	**$ 703,299.13**	

	ON LEVIES 2007	2006	2005 & PRIOR
UNREDEEMED TAX LIENS 1/1/2008	-	170,068.11	76,508.25
Liens Executed	292,681.23	-	-
Interest & Costs	8,142.56	11,446.28	24,027.14
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$ 300,823.79**	**$ 181,514.39**	**$ 100,535.39**
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER			
Redemptions	140,902.11	50,513.05	71,352.41
Interest & Costs	8,142.56	11,446.28	24,027.14
Abatements	-	-	-
UNREDEEMED LIENS 12/31/2008	151,779.12	119,555.06	5,155.84
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$ 300,823.79**	**$ 181,514.39**	**$ 100,535.39**

Sewer User Fees

	LEVIES OF 2008	2007
UNCOLLECTED SEWER RENTS 01/01/2008		
North Swanzey Pass Thru		5,364.16
North Swanzey	-	41,098.59
West Swanzey	-	47,947.16
SEWER RENTS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR		
North Swanzey Pass Thru	22,024.28	
North Swanzey	156,040.85	-
West Swanzey	228,106.00	-
Overpayments: North Swanzey	-	5.36
Interest Collected: North Swanzey	237.89	273.64
Interest Collected: West Swanzey	215.02	1,305.01
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$ 406,624.04**	**$ 95,993.92**
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER		
North Swanzey Pass Thru	16,704.95	5,364.16
North Swanzey	116,033.31	40,853.95
West Swanzey	163,662.44	47,947.16
Interest Collected: North Swanzey	237.89	273.64
Interest Collected: West Swanzey	215.02	1,305.01
UNCOLLECTED SEWER RENTS 12/31/2008		
North Swanzey Pass Thru	5,319.33	
North Swanzey	40,007.54	250.00
West Swanzey	64,443.56	-
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$ 406,624.04**	**$ 95,993.92**

	LEVIES OF 2007	2006	2005
UNREDEEMED LIENS 01/01/2008	-	2,290.35	2,225.07
Liens Executed	4,396.21	-	-
Interest & Costs after Lien	152.76	309.06	821.77
TOTAL DEBITS:	**$ 4,548.97**	**$ 2,599.41**	**$ 3,046.84**
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER			
Redemptions	2,139.74	1,566.18	2,225.07
Interest & Costs	152.76	309.06	821.77
Unredeemed liens 12/31/2008	2,256.47	724.17	-
TOTAL CREDITS:	**$ 4,548.97**	**$ 2,599.41**	**$ 3,046.84**

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth C. Snyder, Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Revenues Collected: Town of Swanzey	
Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	$1,074,575.33
Motor Vehicle Decals	21,751.00
Motor Vehicle Title Applications	3,490.00
Dog Licenses	7,561.00
Dog Fines	1,325.00
Fish & Games Agent Fees	59.00
Marriage Licenses	189.00
UCC Filings & Searches	1,845.00
Vital Statistics	420.00
Miscellaneous	327.13
Total Town Revenues Collected 2008	**$1,111,542.46**
Revenues Collected: State of New Hampshire	
Dog Licenses - State Fee	3,621.50
Fish & Game License Fees - State	1,512.00
Marriage Licenses - State	1,026.00
Vital Statistics - State	870.00
Total State Revenues Collected	**$7,029.50**
Total Remittances to Treasurer	1,118,571.96
Less Motor Vehicle Registration Fees Refunded (Town Revenue)	1,384.50
Total Revenues Collected Town Clerk's Office 2008	**$1,117,187.46**

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Belletete, Deputy Town Clerk

Old Smith House, Westport

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS ALL FUNDS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	
Personnel	94,115.00
Local Government Center	4,572.50
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,855.82
Town Report Printing	4,330.00
Total Executive	$104,873.32
Financial Administration	
Personnel	104,484.62
Accounting & Banking Services	16,990.15
Printing of Bills & New Equipment	2,675.95
Total Financial Administration	$124,150.72
Legal & Professional Services	
Legal Services	15,992.38
IT Professional Services & Software	39,905.05
IT Web Site/Misc. Services & Equipment	8,529.38
Professional Services - Misc.	3,768.00
Regional Planning Commission Dues	7,923.00
Legal & Professional Services	$76,117.81
Land Use Boards	
Personnel	98,707.35
Plan Recording	200.12
Advertisements	2,318.55
Subscriptions	508.75
Postage	2,605.07
Supplies, Printing & Prof. Services	869.26
Professional Services - Misc.	1,083.26
Mileage (Code Enforcement)	2,511.09
Total Land Use Boards	$108,803.45
Insurance	
NHMA Property & Liability Insurances	62,365.45
Health Trust, Life & STD Insurances	377,748.34
Unemployment Compensation	945.00
Worker's Compensation	36,120.35
Total Insurance	$477,179.14

Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	
Personnel	63,659.78
Election, Registration & VS Supplies	7,377.54
Postage/Advertising	2,008.93
New Equipment	796.52
Total Elections, Registrations & VS	$73,842.77
Reappraisal of Property	
Personnel	29,478.00
General Expenses	794.20
Software Maintenance	6,898.00
Total Reappraisal of Property	$37,170.20
Social Security & Retirement	
FICA	69,227.37
Medicare	23,363.83
NH Retirement	59,821.69
ICMA Retirement	36,717.36
Total Social Security & Retirement	$189,130.25
General Government Buildings	
Town Hall Janitorial Services	3,201.05
Town Hall Electricity	3,590.89
Town Hall Heating Fuel	3,142.77
Town Hall Building Maintenance	2,500.34
Town Hall Alarm System	325.00
Town Hall Supplies	972.96
Whitcomb Hall Repairs & Maintenance	65.00
Whitcomb & Grange Hall PSNH	467.43
Covered Bridge Alarm Systems	3,475.98
Total General Government Buildings	$17,741.42
General Government Expenses	
Tax Map Revisions	2,400.00
County Recording Fees	546.91
Telephone & Other Comm. Services	4,271.20
Service Contracts	1,935.22
Leased Equipment	3,168.00
Training, Meetings & Conferences	5,249.61
Advertisements	223.73
Equip. Repair & Misc. Expense	103.46
Dues & Subscriptions	1,970.58
Office Supplies	4,891.08
Postage	11,671.52
Mileage	3,084.24
New Equipment	377.00
Total General Government Expenses	$39,892.55
Total General Government	**$1,248,901.63**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	
Personnel	598,811.13
Telephone	5,324.19
Cell Phones & Pagers	3,650.16
Photo Lab & Supplies	84.89
Printing	493.58
Dues & Subscriptions	610.00
Uniforms	4,396.67
Office Supplies	1,913.23
New Equipment (Office)	5,213.07
Postage	449.86
Books & Periodicals	448.32
Training (Material, Supplies & Prof. Serv.	2,664.00
Conferences, Meetings, Mileage & Acc.	3,204.35
Service Contracts	2,858.71
Firearms Training	4,644.69
Data Processing	14,845.80
Case Expenditures	277.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	2,074.16
Radio Repair	245.07
Vehicle Fuel	29,597.14
Vehicle Maintenance & Tires	11,704.31
Department Supplies	2,130.60
New Equipment	5,138.47
Janitorial Services	2,970.00
Electricity	3,441.49
Heating	3,784.19
Building Maintenance	2,260.43
Total Police Department	$713,235.51

Fire Department	
Personnel	63,078.70
Medical Supplies	2,234.84
Protective Clothing	15,506.26
Personnel Recruitment	0.00
Gasoline	2,243.10
Diesel/Oil	4,930.68
Extinguishers & O2	1,521.55
Vehicle Repairs & Tires	21,028.89
Dues & Subscriptions	1,377.95
Tools & Supplies	14,077.20
Fire Prevention Supplies	386.91
Training & Meetings	8,800.15
Radio Repairs	4,928.00
Telephone	4,013.70
Electricity	6,624.11
Heating Oil & L.P. Gas	12,145.28
Sewer Fees	340.00
Postage	42.41
Building Maintenance	3,032.23
Forest Fires	1,034.00
NS Water & Fire Precinct Hydrant Rental	11,242.80
Total Fire Department	$178,588.76
Total Public Safety	**$891,824.27**

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY

Special Duty Police/Detail Grants	
Personnel	19,100.00
Medicare	276.95
Social Security	5.27
NH Retirement	2,251.37
Workers Compensation	368.35
Vehicle Support	318.27
Total Special Duty Police	$22,320.21

Fire Special Duty	
Personnel	-
FICA & Medicare	-
Worker's Compensation	-
Total FD Special Duty	$0.00

Ambulance Service	
Diluzio Ambulance Service	31,470.00
Total Ambulance Service	$31,470.00

School Resource Officer	
Personnel	38,048.68
Health, Dental, Life & STD Insurances	7,153.44
Medicare & Retirement	5,056.66
Workers Compensation & Unemployment	757.77

Emergency Management	
Personnel	8,400.00
Telephone	3,709.67
Electricity	1,092.23
Heating	1,290.93

SRO (cont.)	
Communications	1,727.03
Training & Conferences	2,498.90
Professional Liability & Other Insurances	1,438.00
Department Supplies, Uniforms & Misc. Exp	3,168.78
Total School Resource Officer	$59,849.26
County Prosecution Services	
Payments to County	40,370.44
Total Prosecution Services	$40,370.44

EM (cont.)	
Building Maintenance	1,030.94
Generator Fuel & Repair	180.00
Food	47.72
Department Supplies	494.09
Other Expenses & Mileage	869.72
New Equipment	4,030.00
Emergency Notification System	7,500.00
Total Emergency Management	$28,645.30
Total Other Public Safety	**$182,655.21**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways, Streets & Bridges	
Personnel	279,439.75
Personnel Recruitment	429.24
Phones	3,073.40
Outside Labor & Rental, Leased Equip.	21,806.50
Professional Services/IMS	1,920.00
Electricity	2,433.66
Heating Fuel	8,816.19
Building Maintenance	3,986.34
Alarm Maintenance	250.00
Training, Dues & Mileage	1,240.00
CDL Testing	288.00
Uniforms	3,835.99
Radio Repair	667.87
Asphalt & Cold Patch	114,724.46
Sand, Gravel & Hard Pack	25,756.10
Salt & Calcium	144,488.84
Highway Markings	5,626.03
Gas	192.67
Diesel & Oil	39,864.75
Oxygen & Acetylene	599.22
Vehicle Repairs	22,832.54
Tires	1,553.49
Tools, Supplies & New Equipment	16,095.72
Culverts	3,417.10
Bridge Repairs	344.26
Total Highways, Streets & Bridges	$703,682.12

Cemetery & Parks Maintenance	
Personnel	58,219.46
Cemetery Utilities (inc. phone)	673.26
Repair of Cemetery Stones & Property	3,166.40
Meeting Expenses & Dues	280.70
Cemetery Equipment Repair	1,232.11
Cemetery Gas	3,109.98
Cemetery Supplies/IMS Support	4,503.21
Cemetery Fertilizer	2,400.00
New Equipment (Cemeteries & Parks)	3,928.01
Parks Telephone	1,086.49
Parks Electricity	1,919.71
Parks Bldg. & Field Maint. & Supplies	5,762.04
Parks Plumbing & Supplies	1,268.37
Parks Rubbish Removal	5,885.49
Parks Fertilizer for Fields	2,400.00
Total Cemetery & Parks Maintenance	$95,835.23
Street & Bridge Lighting	
Street & Bridge Lighting	17,971.44
Blinkers & Bridges	3,173.04
Total Lighting	$21,144.48
Dams	
State Dam Fees	2,650.00
Total Dams	$2,650.00
Total Department of Public Works	**$823,311.83**

SOLID WASTE & SANITATION

Recycling Center	
Personnel	147,584.93
Refuse Disposal	144,837.86
Equipment Rental	660.00
Hazardous Waste & Ash Disposal	8,646.97
Electronics Disposal/Yard Waste/Tires	9,482.87
Construction & Demolition Disposal	28,741.76
Freight	4,544.72
Electricity & Telephone	2,992.89
Heating Fuel	791.17
Uniforms & Protective Equipment	2,829.31
Maintenance & Repairs	5,409.90
Department Supplies	4,714.08
Miscellaneous Expenses	191.89
Training, Education & Dues	2,361.71
New Equipment	4,721.69
Total Recycling Center	$368,511.75

Sewer Commission - West	
Personnel	62,525.72
Social Security, Medicare & Retirement	7,631.89
Workers Compensation	842.45
Health, Dental, Life & STD Insurances	14,160.15
Software Maintenance	992.00
Electricity, L.P. Gas & Phone	12,821.64
Maintenance	2,050.86
Property Insurance	1,635.00
Supplies	334.06
County Recording Fees & Postage	485.67
Testing & Chemicals	13,994.93
Professional Services	3,130.48
Mileage	956.63
Miscellaneous Expenses	926.61
Tools & Equipment	1,261.56
Transfers to Capital Reserve	20,000.00
Debt Service	58,374.00
Total Sewer Commission - West	$202,123.65

Sewer Commission - North	
Personnel	30,803.35
Social Security, Medicare & Retirement	2,941.19
Workers Compensation	296.82
Health, Dental, Life & STD Insurances	6,929.67
Software Maintenance	1,067.00
Electricity, L.P. Gas & Phone	4,200.59
Maintenance	608.51
Property Insurance	1,420.00
Mileage	798.50
Postage	252.63
City of Keene - Treatment	29,141.85
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,598.80
Transfers to Capital Reserve	31,000.00
Debt Service	110,336.31
North Pass Thru Collection System	19,011.24
Total Sewer Commission - North	240,406.46
Total Sewer Commission - All areas	$442,530.11
Total Solid Waste & Sanitation	**$570,635.40**

HEALTH & WELFARE

Health Officer	
Personnel	2,823.00
Water Tests	462.00
Trainings, Meetings & Postage	30.83
Mileage	462.38
West Nile Program	0.00
Total Health Officer	$3,778.21

Animal Control Operations	
Constracted Services	5,160.00
Licensing	1,800.30
Cremation/Disposal	90.00
Total Animal Control Operations	$7,050.30

Health/General Assistance Agencies	
Home Health	16,500.01
Meals on Wheels	7,516.00
Monadnock Family Services	9,004.00
Community Kitchen	12,500.00
Southwest Community Services	8,500.00
The Samaritans	250.00
Total Health/General Asst. Agencies	$54,270.01

General Assistance	
Personnel	18,129.01
Medical Services	3,186.33
Food Vouchers & Clothing	2,831.79
Electricity	5,959.69
Heating Fuel	11,685.06
Housing Assistance	147,952.89
Postage & Department Supplies	2,205.95
Total General Assistance	$191,950.72
Total Health & Welfare (exc. Carp. SRF)	**$257,049.24**

CULTURE, CONSERVATION & RECREATION

Recreation Committee	
Summer Program Personnel	24,836.88
Aquatic Personnel	1,589.25
Strength & Conditioning Personnel	1,680.00
Richardson Park Personnel	15,584.43
Richardson Park Supplies	396.85
Miscellaneous & Advertising	579.35
Summer Program Supplies & Programs	2,889.51
Aquatic Supplies	108.18
Winter Sports	1,500.00
Easter Egg Hunt	758.79
Halloween & Christmas	216.00
Total Recreation Committee	$50,139.24

Libraries, Open Space, Patriot Purposes & Old Home Day	
Mt. Caesar Union Library	55,858.00
Stratton Free Library	36,207.35
Open Space Committee	6,339.89
Memorial Day Observances	1,200.00
Old Home Day	3,734.90
PEG Access Channel	27,467.33
Total Libraries & et al	$130,807.47
Total Culture, Conservation & Rec.	**$180,946.71**

Economic Development	
Swanzey Rev. Development District	65,262.50
Economic Development Adv. Ctte	140.00
Total Economic Development	**$65,402.50**

DEBT SERVICE	
North Swanzey Project	98,149.59
Total Debt Service	**$98,149.59**

WARRANT ARTICLES, CAPITAL PROJECTS, UNCLASSIFIED & OTHER FUNDS & GOVERNMENTS

Carpenter Home Special Revenue Fund	
Carpenter Home Personnel	236,781.02
Health, Dental, Life & STD Insurances	44,128.08
Social Security, Medicare & Retirement	20,974.45
Workers Compensation & Unemploy.	5,701.63
Fax, Phone & Pager	3,855.88
Groceries	26,161.00
Cable	917.73
Medication Services	4,290.00
Nurse Consultant	711.28
Personnel Recruitment	562.20
Public Service	7,216.41
Heat & Gas for Stove/Generator	15,230.05
Alarm Monitoring & Maintenance	2,958.40
Service Contracts	1,830.58
Office Supplies & Postage	529.96
Printing & Advertising	2,416.44
Trainings, Meetings & Mileage	2,043.20
Dues & Subscriptions	559.00
Uniforms	1,710.66
Household & Cleaning Supplies	7,112.23
Medical Supplies	673.94
Household Replacement	525.65
Resident Activity Supplies	622.16
Miscellanous Expenses	410.38
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	795.82
Furniture & Fixtures	299.99
New Equipment	2,331.78
Grounds Maintenance & Improvements	678.98
Building Maintenance & Improvements	5,878.08
Total Carpenter Home Operational Costs	$397,906.98
Resident Accounts & Medicare	5,549.51
Fire Suppression Hood Grant	7,423.80
Total Carpenter Home Fund	$410,880.29
Capital Reserve Funds & Expendable Trusts	
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	360,000.00
Transfers to Expendable Trusts	288,300.00
Total CR Funds & Exp. Trusts	$648,300.00

Capital Projects & Unclassified Expenses	
Lease of 3 Cruisers (SA 2008)	27,250.37
Full Time Fire Chief (SA 2008)	33,416.84
Computer Upgrades - Town Hall	20,758.24
Quarterly Data Collection	14,314.00
Fire Facilities Expendable Trust	9,075.69
Homeland Security Grant	13,302.46
Emergency Communications Exp. Trust	13,609.76
FEMA October 2005 Floods - DPW Assets	0.00
FEMA April 2007 Floods - Carlton Road	281,961.29
Transfers to 1992 Cemetery Trust Funds	3,250.00
Cemetery Cornerstones	1,300.00
Rail Trail Project with Keene	8,558.88
Tree Removal Mt. Caesar Cemetary	1,800.00
Conservation Land Acquisitions	12,000.00
Richardson Park Improvements	1,500.00
DPW Trucks - Pick up/Small dump truck	99,789.00
Recycling Center Improvements	3,145.86
Thomspon Bridge Scour Countermeasures	12,631.37
SRDD (TIF District) Infrastructure	5,106.23
North Swanzey Project (inc. Precinct)	22,395.65
SCS Page Homestead Infrastructure	200.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	2,211.26
Insurance Claims/Retirees Insurance	14,150.92
Overlay & Abatements (inc. Sewer)	4,495.14
Total Unclassified & Capital Projects	$606,222.96
Other Governments	
North Swanzey Water & Fire Precinct	55,338.00
Cheshire County	1,597,840.00
Monadnock Regional School District	9,812,502.00
Total Other Governments	$11,465,680.00
Total Articles, SRF, CR, Capital & Gov't	**$12,367,626.76**
Total Articles, SRF, CR, Capital & Gov't	**$13,426,807.05**

Comparative Statement of Receipts, Receivables and Expenditures 2008

Line Items	Appropriations 2008	Receipts, inc. Acct. Receivable & Reimbursements	Amount Available	Expended 2008	Available Balance (Overdraft)
General Government	1,408,320	18,080.76	1,408,320.00	1,248,901.63	159,418.37
Police Department	720,690	4,329.08	720,690.00	713,235.51	7,454.49
Fire Department	180,000	517.00	180,000.00	178,588.76	1,411.24
Special Duty Police	10,000	25,480.75	25,480.75	22,320.21	3,160.54
School Resource Officer	74,140	59,849.26	74,140.00	59,849.26	14,290.74
Prosecution Services	40,000	0.00	40,000.00	40,370.44	(370.44)
Special Duty Fire	1,500	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Ambulance Service	31,470	0.00	31,470.00	31,470.00	0.00
Emergency Management	29,875	15,589.11	29,875.00	28,645.30	1,229.70
Highways, Streets & Bridges	704,900	3,368.24	750,125.28	703,682.12	46,443.16
Cemeteries & Parks	101,735	15,825.00	101,735.00	95,835.23	5,899.77
Street & Bridge Lights	20,500	0.00	20,500.00	21,144.48	(644.48)
Dams	4,050	0.00	4,050.00	2,650.00	1,400.00
Recycling Center	376,800	112,545.52	376,800.00	368,511.75	8,288.25
Sewer Commmission	499,210	0.00	499,210.00	442,530.11	56,679.89
Health Officer	4,770	0.00	4,770.00	3,778.21	991.79
Animal Control	10,360	0.00	10,360.00	7,050.30	3,309.70
Health Agencies	54,770	0.00	54,770.00	54,270.01	499.99
General Assistance	159,200	2,111.24	159,200.00	191,950.72	(32,750.72)
Carpenter Home Operating Expenses	412,280	399,759.62	399,759.62	397,906.98	1,852.64
Libraries	90,658	0.00	90,658.00	92,065.35	(1,407.35)
Old Home Day/Memorial Day	6,200	0.00	6,200.00	4,934.90	1,265.10
Peg Access Channel	25,025	27,467.34	25,025.00	27,467.33	(2,442.33)
Open Space Committee	6,575	0.00	6,575.00	6,339.89	235.11
Recreation	57,550	29,672.00	57,550.00	50,139.24	7,410.76
Swanzey Rev. Development District	68,265	65,262.50	68,265.00	65,262.50	3,002.50
Economic Development Adv. Cttee	0	0.00	0.00	140.00	(140.00)
Debt Service	101,650	0.00	101,650.00	98,149.59	3,500.41
Police Cruiser Lease	28,110	0.00	28,110.00	27,250.37	859.63
Full Time Fire Chief	50,000		50,000.00	33,416.84	16,583.16
Capital Reserve & Expendable Trusts	648,300	0.00	648,300.00	648,300.00	0.00
Withdrawn Reserves, Trusts & Grants					
Town Hall Computer Upgrades	0	20,250.37	20,250.37	20,250.37	0.00
Revaluation & Updates	0	14,314.00	14,314.00	14,314.00	0.00
Fire Station Expendable Trust	0	9,075.69	9,075.69	9,075.69	0.00
Homeland Security Grant	0	13,302.46	13,302.46	13,302.46	0.00
Emerg. Comm. Expendable Trust	0	13,609.76	13,609.76	13,609.76	0.00
DPW Equipment (2 Trucks)	0	99,789.00	99,789.00	99,789.00	0.00
Mt. Caesar Cemetery Tree Removal	0	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
FEMA October 2005 Floods (DPW)	0	32,193.00	32,193.00	0.00	32,193.00
FEMA April 2007 Carlton Rd Ext.	0	231,176.62	231,176.62	281,961.29	(50,784.67)
Recycling Center Improvements	0	3,145.86	3,145.86	3,145.86	0.00
Conservation Easement Acquisition	0	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources					
SRDD Improvements (Phase One)	0	60,890.00	60,890.00	5,106.23	55,783.77
Carpenter Home Resident Accounts	0	5,546.40	5,546.40	5,549.51	(3.11)
Carpenter Home Range Supp. System	0	7,730.00	7,730.00	7,423.80	306.20
South Road Ballfield Improvements		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Rail Trail Project with Keene	0	8,558.88	8,558.88	8,558.88	0.00
Cemetery Trust Funds	0	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	0.00
Cemetery Lot Assignments	0	9,750.00	9,750.00	0.00	9,750.00
Cemetery Cornerstones	0	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,300.00	100.00
Thompson Bridge Scour	0	50,000.00	50,000.00	12,631.37	37,368.63
Conservation Commission	0	2,211.26	2,211.26	2,211.26	0.00
Insurance Claims, COBRA & Retirees	15,244	14,697.21	14,697.21	14,150.92	546.29
TOTAL	$ 5,942,147	$1,381,350.72	$6,576,581.95	$6,182,936.51	$393,645.44

Long Term General Obligation Debt Issued
Town of Swanzey - December 31, 2008

	Purpose of Indebtedness						
	North Swanzey Sewer (4.125%)		WS WWTP Upgrade		Revenue District (4.07%)		Total
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Payments
2009	66,570	68,650	37,500	19,383	50,000	13,228	$255,331
2010	66,570	65,904	37,500	17,892	50,000	11,193	$249,059
2011	66,570	63,158	37,500	16,401	50,000	9,158	$242,787
2012	66,570	60,412	37,500	14,910	50,000	7,123	$236,515
2013	66,570	57,666	37,500	13,419	50,000	5,088	$230,243
2014	66,570	54,920	37,500	11,928	50,000	3,053	$223,971
2015	66,570	52,174	37,500	10,437	50,000	1,018	$217,699
2016	66,570	49,428	37,500	8,946	-	-	$162,444
2017	66,570	46,682	37,500	7,455	-	-	$158,207
2018	66,570	43,936	37,500	5,964	-	-	$153,970
2019	66,570	41,190	37,500	4,473	-	-	$149,733
2020	66,570	38,444	37,500	2,982	-	-	$145,496
2021	66,570	35,698	37,500	1,491	-	-	$141,259
2022	66,570	32,952	-	-	-	-	$99,522
2023	66,570	30,206	-	-	-	-	$96,776
2024	66,570	27,460	-	-	-	-	$94,030
2025	66,570	24,714	-	-	-	-	$91,284
2026	66,570	21,968	-	-	-	-	$88,538
2027	66,570	19,222	-	-	-	-	$85,792
2028	66,570	16,476	-	-	-	-	$83,046
2029	66,570	13,730	-	-	-	-	$80,300
2030	66,570	10,984	-	-	-	-	$77,554
2031	66,570	8,238	-	-	-	-	$74,808
2032	66,570	5,492	-	-	-	-	$72,062
2033	66,560	2,746	-	-	-	-	$69,306
Totals	**$1,664,240**	**$963,846**	**$487,500**	**$135,681**	**$350,000**	**$49,861**	**$3,579,732**

State Revolving Fund Grant Payment Schedule West Swanzey WWTP Upgrade Project			
Year	Payment	Year	Payment
2009	$11,377	2016	$9,289
2010	$11,078	2017	$8,991
2011	$10,780	2018	$8,693
2012	$10,482	2019	$8,395
2013	$10,184	2020	$8,096
2014	$9,886	2021	$7,798
Total Aid WS WWTP Upgrade			**$94,979**

State Revolving Fund Grant Payment Schedule North Swanzey Wastewater Improvments			
Year	Payment	Year	Payment
2009	$87,921	2022	$64,571
2010	$86,124	2023	$62,774
2011	$84,329	2024	$60,977
2012	$82,532	2025	$59,182
2013	$80,736	2026	$57,385
2014	$78,939	2027	$55,590
2015	$77,143	2028	$53,793
2016	$75,347	2029	$51,998
2017	$73,550	2030	$50,201
2018	$71,755	2031	$48,406
2019	$69,958	2032	$46,609
2020	$68,163	2033	$44,812
Total Aid NS Improvements			**$1,592,795**

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORTS

TOWN OF SWANZEY
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS & EXPENDABLE TRUSTS 2008

Type & Purpose of Fund	Balance 12/31/2007	Contributions 2008	Interest Income 2008	Expenses 2008	Balance 12/31/2008
Capital Reserve Funds					
Town Hall Expansion	89,540.99	-	2,201.93	-	91,742.92
Pres. & Restoration of Documents	3,589.81	-	88.28	-	3,678.09
Insurance Deductible Fund	3,863.45	-	95.01	-	3,958.46
Police Cruisers	11,313.05	-	278.20	-	11,591.25
Future Fire Station	301,452.08	75,000.00	7,413.10	-	383,865.18
Fire Trucks	20,104.29	80,000.00	494.39	-	100,598.68
Town Bridges (not covered)	147,687.47	35,000.00	3,631.83	-	186,319.30
Covered Bridges (restoration/repair)	100,247.96	10,000.00	2,465.23	-	112,713.19
Highway & Cemetery Equipment	65,784.49	75,000.00	1,617.73	99,789.00	42,613.22
Town Owned Dams	277,191.97	-	6,816.53	-	284,008.50
Recycling Center Improvements	60,927.47	20,000.00	1,498.30	3,145.86	79,279.91
Sewerline Extensions (West)	82,357.88	-	2,025.29	-	84,383.17
Swanzey Sewer Commission (West)	138,316.84	26,000.00	3,401.39	-	167,718.23
Swanzey Sewer Commission (North)	51,368.54	25,000.00	1,263.23	-	77,631.77
Recreation Facilities Improvements	76,642.59	15,000.00	1,884.74	-	93,527.33
Conservation Land Acquisitions	142,670.66	50,000.00	3,508.45	12,000.00	184,179.11
N. Swanzey H20 & Fire Lines	97,209.71	5,200.00	2,393.72	-	104,803.43
N. Swanzey H20 & Fire Equipment	8,664.35	3,000.00	214.92	-	11,879.27
Expendable Trust Funds					
Town Hall (Offices)	60,336.38	30,000.00	1,483.75	-	91,820.13
Town Hall Computers (IMS)	73,066.66	15,000.00	1,796.80	20,758.24	69,105.22
Revaluations & Updates	96,939.25	35,000.00	2,383.86	14,314.00	120,009.11
Police Facilities	15,447.55	5,000.00	379.88	-	20,827.43
Fire Stations & Related Facilities	14,195.68	15,000.00	349.09	-	29,544.77
Emergency Services Complex	119.51	-	2.94	-	122.45
Fire Pond Fund	25,754.85	-	633.36	-	26,388.21
Fire/Rescue Tools & Equipment	28,522.03	10,000.00	701.39	-	39,223.42
Emergency Communications	44,081.30	-	1,084.03	13,609.76	31,555.57
Emergency Mgt Facilites & Equipment	26,426.38	-	649.86	-	27,076.24
Rehab. & Reconstruction of Town Roads	185,073.04	145,000.00	4,551.18	-	334,624.22
Covered Bridges (beautification)	2,512.57	-	61.79	-	2,574.36
Public Works Facilities	43,295.43	20,000.00	1,064.69	-	64,360.12
Cemetery Expansion Fund	38,605.90	9,300.00	949.36	-	48,855.26
Whitcomb Hall Rehabilitation	35,116.98	-	863.57	-	35,980.55
Carpenter Home	26,624.80	-	654.74	-	27,279.54
Mt. Caesar Union Library	6,603.63	2,000.00	162.39	-	8,766.02
Stratton Free Library	11,112.86	2,000.00	273.29	-	13,386.15
N. Swanzey Water Rate Fund	81,271.24	-	1,998.57	-	83,269.81
Slate Bridge Fund	1,181.68	-	29.06	-	1,210.74
Swanzey Historical Cttee	111,446.49	19,000.00	3,207.84	-	133,654.33
Total Town & NSWFP Funds	**$2,606,667.81**	**$726,500.00**	**$64,573.71**	**$163,616.86**	**$3,234,124.66**
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool		$3,234,124.66			
Total Funds Town & NSWFP 12/31/2008		**$3,234,124.66**			

TOWN OF SWANZEY CEMETERY TRUSTS 2008

Income	Balance 1/1/2008	Income	Expense	Balance 12/31/2008
Various Trusts	$23,796.76	4,868.83	8,711.86	$19,953.73
Principal	**Balance 1/1/2008**	**New Funds Created**	**Expense**	**Balance 12/31/2008**
Chub Coroporation	$840.00			$840.00
Columbia Government Plus	$150,137.70			$153,387.70
Melissa Alexander		400.00		
Jeannette Baird		200.00		
Wendy Preston		200.00		
Frank & Carolyn Smith		300.00		
Harold Lewis Jr.		100.00		
Kathleen Nuttall		100.00		
David Buckley		50.00		
Judy Duquette		200.00		
Elaine Batt		200.00		
Cynthia Joslyn		200.00		
Daphine Frazier & Charlotte Kittridge		500.00		
John St. Jean		400.00		
Pamela Michaelson		200.00		
Herbert Capron Sr.		200.00		
Total Principal Various Trusts	**$150,977.70**	**$3,250.00**	**$0.00**	**$154,227.70**

Interest		Principal	
Columbia Government Plus	$19,953.73	Columbia Government Plus	$153,387.70
Total Interest 12/31/2008	$19,953.73	Chubb Corporation 96 Shares	$840.00
		Total Principal 12/31/2008	$154,227.70
Total Balance Principal & Income 12/31/2008		**$174,181.43**	

MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS & EXPENDABLE TRUSTS 2008

Type & Purpose of Fund	Balance 12/31/2007	Contributions 2008	Interest Income 2008	Expenses 2008	Balance 12/31/2008
Capital Reserve Funds					
MRSD Capital Reserve 1975	995,048.21	-	23,860.20	47,217.06	971,691.35
MRSD Special Education 1995	3,245.56	-	79.84	-	3,325.40
MRSD Building Capital Reserve 2009	-	130,000.00	122.11	-	130,122.11
Expendable Trust Funds					
School Bldg Maintenance Fund	28,844.11	32,000.00	1,282.92	-	62,127.03
School District Special Education Fund	105,126.66	50,000.00	3,482.04	-	158,608.70
Emergency Notification System Fund	95.51	-	1.83	97.34	-
Scholarship Funds					
Larry Aro Scholarship	13,430.48	-	323.39	500.00	13,253.87
Att. Charles Donahue Scholarhip	532.92	-	6.09	500.00	39.01
Edward Fairbanks Scholarship	1,965.84	-	45.57	200.00	1,811.41
Eleanor Greatbach Scholarship	7,295.07	-	137.36	3,000.00	4,432.43
Claudier Howard Award	2,005.22	-	47.91	100.00	1,953.13
Barbara Lerandeau Award	2,760.08	-	66.86	75.00	2,751.94
Stephen Shaw Memorial Scholarship	-	8,210.58	43.12	-	8,253.70
Daniel E. Stockwell Scholarship	3,255.10	-	73.05	500.00	2,828.15
Joseph Webber English Award	3,246.27	-	78.79	75.00	3,250.06
Eleanor West Scholarship	1,750.35	-	40.96	150.00	1,641.31
Total MRSD Funds	**$1,168,601.38**	**$220,210.58**	**$29,692.04**	**$52,414.40**	**$1,366,089.60**

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	$1,366,089.60
Total Funds MRSD 12/31/2008	**$1,366,089.60**

TRUST FUNDS INCOME 2008 - Town of Swanzey & Monadnock Regional School District

Name Of Fund Town of Swanzey	Income Balance 1/1/2008	Income	Expenses	Income Balance 12/31/2008
J. Edward Bouvier - Carpenter Home	1,214.53	66.56	0.00	1,281.09
Marian T. Brown Fund (Museum)	40,959.11	4,546.03	3,000.00	42,505.14
Charles Carlton Aged & Infirmed	7,185.82	475.12	0.00	7,660.94
Charles Carlton E.S. Community House	714.75	66.56	0.00	781.31
Charles Carlton E.S. Library	2,144.03	199.72	0.00	2,343.75
Charles Carlton Mt. Caesar Cemetery	20,063.56	1,173.68	1,800.00	19,437.24
Lucy Carpenter - Carpenter Home	84,222.83	23,215.56	0.00	107,438.39
Sameul Read - E.S. Community House	29,650.52	7,571.20	0.00	37,221.72
Frank Snow - Cutler School Fund	190.74	200.00	249.91	140.83
Frank Snow - Sidewalk Fund	115,528.81	35,078.12	0.00	150,606.93
Nettie Stone - Pavillion	2,190.15	119.99	0.00	2,310.14
Edna Whitcomb - Carpenter Home	3,870.95	418.87	0.00	4,289.82
Edna Whitcomb - Whitcomb Hall	8,990.08	543.20	0.00	9,533.28
George Whitcomb, Jr. - Carpenter Home	14,213.80	3,265.41	0.00	17,479.21
George Whitcomb, Jr. - Whitcomb Hall	8,564.68	526.70	0.00	9,091.38
Monadnock Regional School District				
Lloyd Scholarchip Trust	1,146.46	1,240.53	1,514.36	872.63
The Mark & Sadie Carlton Fund	10,816.81	8,916.74	0.00	19,733.55
Income Balance	**$351,667.63**	**$87,623.99**	**$6,564.27**	**$432,727.35**

Investments of the Trust Funds - Town of Swanzey & Monadnock Regional School District

Number of Shares	Description of Principal Investment	Principal Balance 1/1/2008	Capital Gains/ (Losses) during Year	Purch./(Sales) during Year	Total Principal 12/31/2008
1,440	McDonalds Corp. Chapelaine Institutional	-	-	76,905.88	76,905.88
1,400	Fortune Brands Inc. COM	8,149.83	-	-	8,149.83
5,100	General Electric Co COM	6,893.50	-	-	6,893.50
2,700	Anadarko Patroleum Corp. COM	7,298.36	-	-	7,298.36
800	Chevron Tecaco Corp. COM	15,999.00	-	-	15,999.00
1,600	Exxon Mobil Corp. COM	5,772.06	-	-	5,772.06
1,701	Archer Daniels	24,992.41	-	24,991.20	49,983.61
3,366	AT & T (inc. Bell South)	16,219.71	-	-	16,219.71
800	Consolidated Edison Inc. COM	8,502.48	-	-	8,502.48
900	Wisconson Energy Corp. COM	4,671.95	-	-	4,671.95
1,727	DNP Select Income FD, Inc	17,212.26	-	-	17,212.26
15,322	Vanguard Total BD Market Index Fd Inv. #84	156,977.27	-	-	156,977.27
10,092	Vanguard Short Tm BD IDX FD Inv. #132	103,244.66	-	-	103,244.66
17,368	Vanguard SNMA Fund Inv. #36	181,500.00	-	-	181,500.00
9,770	Vanguard Short TTM Corp. FD Inv. #39	104,633.98	-	-	104,633.98
927	Deere & Company	-	-	52,029.13	52,029.13
3,113	Bank of America	99,996.70	-	24,998.20	124,994.90
12,000	Dodge & Cox Income FD Mutual Fund	150,000.00	-	-	150,000.00
	Columbia Gov. Plus Reserves G Trust Class	336,613.49	-	(204,529.41)	132,084.08
1,178	Proctor & Gamble Company	75,015.04	-	-	75,015.04
1,560	Bristol, Myers, Squibb Company	49,982.40	-	-	49,982.40
300	Boeing Company	-	-	25,605.00	25,605.00
1,561	Schering Plough Corp	49,981.50	-	-	49,981.50
1,295	United Technologies	99,986.95	-	-	99,986.95
	Total Prinicipal in Common Trust	**$1,523,643.55**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,523,643.55**

2008 FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION TOWN MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2008
Town of Swanzey
State of New Hampshire

Moderator Gus Lerandeau called the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting 2008 held in the Monadnock High School/Middle School Auditorium to order at 7:00 p.m. He began by explaining the rules of procedure to be used that evening and by introducing town officials. Attendees were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by William Synder. 55 voters were in attendance.

Moderator Lerandeau proceeded to read the articles warned. Articles, except for election of officers and those whose wording is prescribed by state law (Articles 1 and 10) resulting from this evening's meeting will be presented to voters by official ballot on March 11, 2008.

Article 1 To choose by ballot all necessary town officers including Town Moderator, Selectman, Trustee of the Trust Funds, 2 Board of Adjustment members, 2 Planning Board members, 3 Old Home Day Committee members, a Library Trustee, Supervisor of the Checklist and a Sewer Commissioner.

The following questions to be presented to voters on March 11th were passed by attendees at the deliberative session:

Article 2 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $5,200,493? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $5,067,427, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by Selectmen)

After much discussion it was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 3 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $648,300 to be placed in the following expendable trust and capital reserve accounts of the Town:

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Town Hall Improvements	$30,000	Fire Trucks	$80,000
Town Hall Computers	$15,000	Future Fire Station	$75,000
Revaluations & Updates	$35,000	Highway & Cemetery Equipment.	$75,000
Police Facility Improvements	$5,000	Town Bridges	$35,000
Fire Station Maintenance	$15,000	Covered Bridges	$10,000
Fire Tools & Equipment	$10,000	Recreation Facilities Improvements	$15,000
Road Rehab. & Reconstruction	$145,000	Recycling Center Improvements	$20,000
DPW Facility Improvements	$20,000	Conservation Land Acquisition	$50,000
Cemetery Expansion & Layout	$9,300		
Mt. Caesar Union Library	$2,000		
Stratton Free Library	$2,000	?	

(Recommended by Selectmen)

It was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 4 Shall the Town vote to authorize Selectmen to enter into a three year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of $84,330 for the purpose of leasing and outfitting three police cruisers (*replacing three police cruisers each with over 100,000 miles on them)* and raise and appropriate the sum of $28,110 for the first year's payment for that purpose? If the lease purchase agreement is authorized by voters, year 2 and year 3 lease payments will be included in 2009 and 2010 town operating and default budget. (Recommended by Selectmen)

It was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 5 Shall the Town vote to establish as full time the position of Fire Chief to manage fire suppression, prevention, emergency medical and other related services provided by the town and authorize the Selectmen to establish a committee consisting of citizens, emergency service personnel (including representatives of the town's fire department) and professionals working in the public safety field to assist in recruitment of the town's first full time fire chief and raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to support recruitment and part year funding for wages, personnel costs, benefits and other start up costs associated with converting the position from part time to full time? (Recommended by Selectmen)

It was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 6 Shall the Town vote to authorize Selectmen to appoint (as initially established by Town Meeting 1918) the Town's Old Home Day Committee charged with organizing the annual Old Home Day discontinuing election of a committee of three (as determined by Town Meeting 1941)? (Recommended by Selectmen)

It was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 7 Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:26-e to authorize appointment, rather than election, of the Town's Treasurer? If the provisions of RSA 41:26-e are adopted, the term of the elected treasurer shall conclude as of Town Meeting 2009 and the office of treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of RSA 669:17-d. (Recommended by Selectmen)

It was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 8 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to layout as a town maintained highway a road to be constructed connecting Safford Drive to Route 12 (in the area of the Cheshire Fairgrounds) in the town's tax increment financing district known as the Swanzey Revenue Development District (adopted in 1999 and subsequently amended)? (Recommended by Selectmen)

It was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 9 Shall the Town go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Swanzey? These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.

2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment. In addition the Town of Swanzey encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.
The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States and to declared candidates for those offices. (SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

It was voted in **favor** of including this item on the Second Session Ballot with no amendments being made.

Article 10 To vote by ballot on the following eight (8) amendments to the Town of Swanzey Zoning Ordinance:

Note: The wording of these zoning questions is prescribed by statute. Neither the text of the amendments proposed, nor the corresponding official ballot questions are subject to amendment at the deliberative session. Therefore, these items were not deliberated at the session. Full text of amendments proposed is included in the March 11, 2008 Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 11 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting, or take any action thereon.

Attendees were advised that a voter guide reflecting the questions approved by the deliberative session will be available the first week in March. Questions about several zoning amendments and how to get additional information about the intent of the amendments proposed were discussed.

There was a motion to adjourn and seconded.

As there was no other business to come before the voters the moderator accepted a motion to adjourn that was approved by deliberative session attendees 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre A. Geer
Town Clerk

Results of Official Ballot Voting, Tuesday – March 11, 2008

Article 1
To choose by ballot town officers:

Moderator
For 2 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
Alfred "Gus" Lerandeau *1,105*
21 (Write In)

Selectman
For 3 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
Tyler L. Tommila *290*
Nancy L. Carlson *873*
6 (Write In)

Planning Board Member
For 3 Years (Vote for not more than 2)
Glenn W. Page *827*
June K. Fuerderer *804*
11 (Write In)
(Write In)

Library Trustee
For 1 Year (Vote for not more than 1)
Arthur Boufford *1,063*
19 (Write In)

Supervisor of the Checklist
For 6 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
Eileen Thompson *1,081*
2 (Write In)

Trustee of Trust Funds
For 3 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
Robert A. Beauregard *1,020*
13 (Write In)

Board of Adjustment Member
For 3 Years (Vote for not more than 2)
Robert A. Mitchell *850*
Charles R. Beauregard, Sr. *841*
11 (Write In)
(Write In)

Sewer Commissioner
For 3 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
Glenn W. Page *1,040*
9 (Write In)

Old Home Day Committee
For 3 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
William Carson *1,084*
5 (Write In)

Old Home Day Committee
For 2 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
Alfred "Gus" Lerandeau *1,107*
6 (Write In)

Old Home Day Committee
For 1 Years (Vote for not more than 1)
Kathleen Ainsworth *1,071*
5 (Write In)

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YES – 752 NO – 361

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(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 958 NO - 236

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YES – 824 NO - 380

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YES – 690 NO - 510

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YES – 938 NO - 255

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YES – 704 NO - 466

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YES – 818 NO – 357

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YES – 799 NO - 376

Article 10 To vote by ballot on the following eight (8) amendments to the Town of Swanzey Zoning Ordinance:

Amendment No. 1: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to amend Section IX Flood Plain Development Ordinance to incorporate language required by the NH Office of Energy and Planning in order to continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program?

YES – 967 NO – 185

Amendment No. 2: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to simplify existing Section III-A (Swanzey Building Regulations) as a result of the State of New Hampshire's adoption of a State Building Code and to delete existing Section III.R (Swimming Pools) and adopt Appendix G of the International Residential Code 2006 related to swimming pools?

YES – 815 NO - 318

Amendment No. 3: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to move the existing requirements for a Certificate of Occupancy into Section III-A (Swanzey Building Requirements)?

YES – 848 NO - 312

Amendment No. 4: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to amend the definition of setback, setting forth what amenities can be located within the setback area and what items are specifically prohibited; to clarify that the front setback runs from the front property line; and to establish the front setback within the Business Zoning District as 30 feet, with buildings and structures to be located at least 75 feet from the front property line?

YES – 763 NO - 410

Amendment No. 5: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to require a special exception for accessory buildings having a footprint of 1,000 square feet or greater or 20 feet or more in height in the Residence, Rural/Agricultural and Village Business Districts?

YES – 735 NO - 436

Amendment No. 6: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to replace the existing Cluster Housing and Cluster Development provisions with a Conservation Residential Subdivision pursuant to RSA 674:21?

YES – 839 NO - 322

Amendment No. 7: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to establish that the density requirement for a two family dwelling in the Rural/Agricultural District shall be three and one half acres, unless connected to public sewer?

YES – 804 NO – 394

Amendment No. 8: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to amend the definition of "street" to include the term "road"?

YES – 999 NO - 203

BIRTHS 2008

Date	Child's Name	Father	Mother
01-03-08	Ethan Nicholas Ford	Anthony Ford	Rheannon Phelps
01-03-08	Benjamin Michael Ford	Anthony Ford	Rheannon Phelps
01-08-08	Aaron Scott Silvernale	Eric Silvernale	Kathryn Bellantoni
01-10-08	Alexander James Jones	Charles Jones	Hillary Thornton
01-16-08	Eduardo Alexis Lopez	Claudio Lopez	Elizabeth Schuster
01-20-08	Mahnoor Siddiqua	Ilyas Mohammed	Hameeda Chandiwalla
01-25-08	Kathryn Vladimirovna Knorr	Vladimir Knorr	Elena Knorr
01-29-08	Edwin Binny John	Binny John	Shamol Binny
02-08-08	Tanner Adam Dubriske	Adam Dubriske	Colleen Dubriske
02-09-08	William Joseph Broussard	William Broussard	Heather Martin
02-23-08	Kyle Thomas Kennedy	Jason Kennedy	Kristine Kennedy
02-25-08	Sophie Kristine Manlove	Nathan Manlove	Karen Manlove
02-27-08	Zachary Troy Hill	Randall Hill	Vanessa Hilll
03-03-08	Savanna James Dutile	Timothy Dutile	Melissa Dutile
03-22-08	Noah Ray Hugel	Nicholas Hugel	Ashley Chambers
03-27-08	Skyla Mae Ellis	Jonathan Ellis	Meghan Bowers
03-29-08	Koby Erik Kidney	Erik Kidney	Elizabeth Kidney
04-06-08	Grayden Joseph Jutras	Joseph Jutras	Heather Castine
04-17-08	Nicholas David Sanchez	Vincent Sanchez	Jessica Ramsey-Sanchez
04-21-08	Renee Elizabeth Crosby		Rachel Crosby
04-21-08	Ayla Christine Roberto	Anthony Roberto	Kimberly Vercruysee
04-23-08	Angelle Avrille Eno	Robin Eno	Jacqueline Eno
05-02-08	Avery Rose Harris	David Harris	Elizabeth Durling
05-02-08	Arianna Elizabeth Leblanc	Timothy LeBlanc	Katie LeBlanc
05-03-08	Ashlyn Paige Macphail	Scott MacPhail	Stephanie Pena
05-03-08	Jack Robert Gillard	William Gillard	Tara Gillard
05-12-08	Zacaria Alan Wallis	Craig Wallis	Sandierose Grant
05-14-08	Anthony Kingston Carter	Scott Carter	Kendra Carter
05-15-08	Angel Marie Teeter	Shaun Teeter	Kimberly Will
05-21-08	Patrick Ryan Madden	Ryan Madden	Jaclyn Madden
05-22-08	Jacob Patrick Conrad	Matthew Conrad	Nicole Conrad
06-02-08	Shaylin Alexa Cullis	Adam Cullis	Jessica Sipler
06-04-08	Elijah Peter Lounder	Chad Lounder	Kristy Lounder
06-06-08	Bengerman Andrew Bonnett	Fred Bonnett	Jessica Rewa
06-06-08	Shealyn Addison DeRosia	Stephen DeRosia	Trisha DeRosia
06-12-08	Carter Michael Howard	Adam Howard	Tiffany Morse
06-14-08	Jackson Stewart Davis	Geoff Davis	Ashley Carolus
06-17-08	Liam Davidson Schroeder	Joshua Schroeder	Stephanie Schroeder
06-17-08	Sabastian Richard Goncalves		Hayley Goncalves
06-19-08	Nicholas Alexander Wilder	Christopher Wilder	Ksenia Wilder
06-21-08	Trisha Ann Caron	Nicholas Caron	Amanda Amadon
06-25-08	Jed Matthew Bentley	John Bentley	Molly Bentley
06-25-08	Summer Noel Bentley	John Bentley	Molly Bentley
06-26-08	Haileigh Rosa Evans	Robert Evans	Jolene Evans
06-28-08	Logan James Murphy	Sean Murphy	Amy Murphy
07-01-08	Cassidy Lynn Morrison	Eric Morrison	Renee Morrison
07-03-08	Jaimee Angelina Messenger	Arthur Messenger	Tammy Messenger
07-15-08	Ryder Gavin Johnson	Keith Johnson	Brianna Maroni
07-17-08	Domini Joshua Shedd Ellis	George Ellis	Lisa Ellis
07-21-08	Seraphinah Grace Nelson	Timothy Nelson	Sally Nelson
07-24-08	Morgan Faye Shaw	Michael Shaw	Kay Morgan
07-24-08	Susan Haley Joslyn	Nicloas Joslyn	Nicole Joslyn
08-08-08	Kendall Erin Hurley	Scott Hurley	Jenny Hurley
08-08-08	Mackenzie Colleen Hurley	Scott Hurley	Jenny Hurley

BIRTHS 2008 (continued)

Date	Child's Name	Father	Mother
08-14-08	Jocelyn Lia Faith Gonzalez	Marlon Gonzalez	Jodie Gonzalez
08-16-08	Kirtdyin Paige Wilson	Eric Wilson	Mindy Wilson
08-24-08	Brianna Leigh Witfoth		Lindsey Metcalf
09-05-08	Izabelle Eva Payne	Zachary Payne	Erika Payne
09-06-08	Ava Grace Russell	Daniel Russell	Erika Labarre-Russell
09-10-08	Lillian Hope Smith	Herbert Smith	Colleen Smith
09-14-08	Zachary Elliot Sargent		Stephanie Sargent
09-15-08	Dillan Lawrence Smtih	Michael Smith	Elisha Fish
09-16-08	Gabriella Rose Nelson		Paige Nelson
09-17-08	Anthony James Gaudio	Nicholas Gaudio	Melissa Gaudio
10-07-08	Trenton Cash Hogancamp	Adam Hogancamp	Jennilee Hogancamp
10-20-08	Gracie Lynn Dean	Kevin Dean	Heather Dean
10-31-08	Arianna Rose Allen	Aaron Allen	Christine Allen
11-03-08	Ava Renee Batchelder	John Batchelder	Jennifer Batchelder
11-11-08	Brady Packard Chandler	Thomas Chandler	Jamie Jayne-Chandler
11-28-08	Finnegan Ryan Shopel Warner	Michael Warner	Cassandra Shopel
12-10-08	Aidrix Mark Abrams		Cheri Abrams
12-11-08	Leeanna NNicole Castagna	James Castagna	Lori Castagna
12-21-08	Anthony Roland Cushing	Walter Cushing	Tammi Cushing
12-24-08	Angelina Joby Sebastian	Joby Sebastian	Deepa Mathews

Gathering at the residence of WILLARD FIELD, Westport, N. H., September 5, 1883. Descendants of the Field and Thompson families, 34 in number.

MARRIAGES 2008

Date	Place of Marriage	Name	Residence
01-05-08	Keene, NH	Michael D. Russell	Swanzey, NH
		Cheryl A. Russell	Swanzey, NH
02-05-08	Keene, NH	Robert W. Bloggett	Swanzey, NH
		Shauna J. Dunton	Swanzey, NH
02-09-08	Westmoreland, NH	Jeffrey C. Nesbitt	Swanzey, NH
		Patrice A. Nicholson	Swanzey, NH
02-11-08	Keene, NH	Justin T. Jackson	Winchester, NH
		Casey L. Fowler	Swanzey, NH
03-16-08	Swanzey, NH	Henri E. Pletzner	Swanzey, NH
		Kelly A. Curtis	Swanzey, NH
04-26-08	Swanzey, NH	Keith R. Monroe	Swanzey, NH
		Krista J. Hulslander	Swanzey, NH
05-17-08	Swanzey, NH	S. Timothy Nash II	Swanzey, NH
		Willow S. Jagareski	Swanzey, NH
05-24-08	Swanzey, NH	Herbert K. Smith	Swanzey, NH
		Colleen M. Pike	Swanzey, NH
05-25-08	Swanzey, NH	Philip W. Goodell	Swanzey, NH
		Hayley H. Hill	Swanzey, NH
05-25-08	Keene, NH	Kevin P. Connors	Swanzey, NH
		Rebecca L Bennett	Swanzey, NH
06-07-08	Gilford, NH	Thomas J. Costello	Swanzey, NH
		Linda A. Blanchette	Swanzey, NH
06-07-08	Keene, NH	Joseph R. Jutras	Swanzey, NH
		Heather M. Castine	Swanzey, NH
06-07-08	Keene, NH	Justin S. Lamb	Swanzey, NH
		Sabrina L. Waite	Swanzey, NH
06-22-08	Henniker, NH	Thomas M. Brown	Swanzey, NH
		Kathleen E. Kuespert	Wesley Chapel, FL
06-25-08	Keene, NH	Anthony T. Cordano	Surry, NH
		Abbie J. Frink	Swanzey, NH
07-03-08	Keene, NH	Joshua A. Goodell	Swanzey, NH
		Erin F. Riley	Keene, NH
07-11-08	Swanzey, NH	Derek O. Hildreth	Swanzey, NH
		Katherine L. Huntington	Swanzey, NH
07-19-08	Swanzey, NH	Michael R. Brochu	Swanzey, NH
		Nichole E. Ballas	Swanzey, NH
08-02-08	Swanzey, NH	Eugene E. Cote	Swanzey, NH
		Erica J. Spat	Swanzey, NH
08-09-08	Swanzey, NH	Roy E. Faulkner	Swanzey, NH
		Shelly J. Palmer	Swanzey, NH
08-16-08	Swanzey, NH	Gene B. Wolhok	Swanzey, NH
		Sandra J. Wyman	Swanzey, NH

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08-19-08	Richmond, NH	Michael D. Blair	Swanzey, NH
		Sara E. Roosa	Swanzey, NH
08-23-08	Swanzey, NH	Thomas M. Kennedy	Swanzey, NH
		Daisy R. Mariano	Swanzey, NH
08-24-08	Swanzey, NH	Adam J. Burns	Swanzey, NH
		Jessica L. Boyd	Swanzey, NH
09-13-08	Swanzey, NH	Trevor W. Faulkner	Swanzey, NH
		Lacy E. Davis	Swanzey, NH
09-26-08	Swanzey, NH	Ryan J. Spring	Swanzey, NH
		Bridget J. Cardin	Swanzey, NH
09-27-08	Swanzey, NH	Todd J. Maliska	Swanzey, NH
		Pamela J. Chamberlin	Swanzey, NH
10-03-08	Swanzey, NH	Nicholas J. Brooks	Swanzey, NH
		Kristen M. Abrams	Swanzey, NH
10-04-08	Swanzey, NH	Mark B. Ball	Swanzey, NH
		Michelle D. Berkman	Swanzey, NH
10-04-08	Swanzey, NH	William C. Welch	Swanzey, NH
		Leslie M. Grotton	Swanzey, NH
10-11-08	Swanzey, NH	Michael Athanasopoulos	Swanzey, NH
		Christa E. Gideos	Chesterfield, NH
10-18-08	Keene, NH	John Nikiforakis	Swanzey, NH
		Heather M. Robinson	Swanzey, NH
10-24-08	Keene, NH	Scott D. Hatt	Swanzey, NH
		Jessica A. Libby	Swanzey, NH
10-26-08	Keene, NH	Anthony G. Roberto	Swanzey, NH
		Kimberly D. Vercruysse	Swanzey, NH
11-01-08	Walpole, NH	Luke A. Bergeron	Swanzey, NH
		Lindsey C. Bresnahan	Swanzey, NH
11-02-08	Swanzey, NH	Devan C. Spears	West Swanzey, NH
		Jennifer L. Brousseau	Keene, NH
11-26-08	Keene, NH	David P. Shea	Swanzey, NH
		Brandy E. Blake	Swanzey, NH
11-26-08	Gilsum, NH	Andrew V. Gage	Swanzey, NH
		Megan W. Boudro	Hatfield, MA
12-06-08	Keene, NH	Paul K. Dexter	Swanzey, NH
		Marie J. Argyriou	Tumwater, WA
12-27-08	Keene, NH	Frank L. Garrapy	Swanzey, NH
		Chantelle E. Gates	Swanzey, NH

CIVIL UNIONS 2008

Date	Place of Civil Union	Name	Residence
03-01-08	Swanzey, NH	Debra A. Kennedy	Swanzey, NH
		Linda J Daigle	Swanzey, NH
06-14-08	Keene, NH	Lynn M Belletete	N. Swanzey, NH
		Dierdre A. Bernier	N. Swanzey, NH
08-02-08	Keene, NH	Dana J. Chenier	Swanzey, NH
		Tracy A. Mendham	Swanzey, NH

DEATHS 2008

Date	Place	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01-06-08	Keene, NH	George Kendall	Wil Kendall	Vina Sergent
01-12-08	Swanzey, NH	Keith Curtis	Carl Curtis	Charlotte McClellan
01-15-08	Keene, NH	Edward Schwartz	Louis Schwartz	Yetta Stillman
01-18-08	Keene, NH	Isobel Burroughs	Hector Holm	Florence Jeffrey
01-28-08	Keene, NH	Ellsworth Rouleau	Henry Rouleau	Alice Freeman
02-06-08	Keene, NH	Ruth Pratt	George Calkins Sr.	Mattie Whittemore
02-09-08	Keene, NH	Doris Jacob	Edward Lewis	Jane Angus
02-10-08	Keene, NH	Arthur Lawrence	Charles Lawrence	Pearl Read
02-15-08	Keene, NH	Alice Conway	Ranald Safford	Alice Hartnett
02-18-08	Keene, NH	Alice Schrepta	Bert Daniels	Edith Robie
02-20-08	Peterborough, NH	Donald Kent Sr.	Arthur Kent	Olive Brown
02-23-08	Keene, NH	Irene Whitcomb	Clark Darby	Laura Johnson
03-01-08	Swanzey, NH	Betty Day	Charles Stowell	Ruth Barrett
03-12-08	Swanzey, NH	Timothy Alexander	Leon Alexander III	Phyllis Jantti
03-13-08	Swanzey, NH	Larry Robinson Sr.	William Robinson Sr.	Oersia Butler
03-16-08	Swanzey, NH	Cassius Ayers	Adna Ayers	Mary Reed
03-25-08	Lebanon, NH	Clifford Simonds	Leroy Simonds Sr.	Mildred O'Dette
03-27-08	Lebanon, NH	Albert Croteau Jr.	Albert Croteau	Lena Stoodley
04-05-08	Swanzey, NH	Linda Fumagalli	Paul Pembroke	Evelyn Crosby
04-09-08	Keene, NH	Grace Wellington	Walter Baker	Bertha Bartlett
04-12-08	N. Swanzey, NH	Ester Hibbard	Arthur Anderson	Madeline Morteson
04-23-08	Nashua, NH	Edwin Walker Jr.	Edwin Walker Sr.	Jennie Beggs
05-05-08	Keene, NH	Marion Whippie	Robert Adams Sr.	Grace Fields
05-23-08	Swanzey, NH	Caryl Thurston	Gordon Smith	Helen Hildreth
05-27-08	Keene, NH	Mildred Horton	Joseph Guyette	Ada Winn
05-28-08	Swanzey, NH	Rhonda Frazier	Robert Ward Sr.	Jane Jantti
06-04-08	Swanzey, NH	Guy Parker	Guy Parker	Elsie Harris
06-17-08	Swanzey, NH	Ernest Nuttall	Ernest Nuttall	Margaret Manning
06-17-08	Swanzey, NH	Maureen Murphy	Frederick McGrath	Frances Gorman
06-26-08	Keene, NH	Judith O'Leary	Unknown	Bessie Burgess
06-28-08	Keene, NH	Gertrude Jacque	Henry Eisler	Martha Stoppel
07-03-08	Keene, NH	Laurence Derby	Laurice Derby	Marie Boy
07-09-08	Keene, NH	Mary Farnsworth	James Murphy	Consuelo unknown
07-13-08	Keene, NH	Jane Underwood	Kenneth Maxfield	Elizabeth Conway
07-28-08	Swanzey, NH	Elliot Cummings	Elliot Cummings	Clorice Dow
08-08-08	Swanzey, NH	Olivia Loy	Frederick Morrish	Olivia Gazzam
08-09-08	Swanzey, NH	Louise Hills	Lee Goodell	Etta Angell
08-23-08	Swanzey, NH	Armand Audet	Philip Audet	Ramona Wecott
09-06-08	Keene, NH	Ruth Payeur	Andrew Samuelson	Linnea Nordberg
09-18-08	Keene, NH	William Stromgren	George Stromgren	Annie Powers
09-19-08	Keene, NH	William West	Albert West	Alice Cleary
09-22-08	Swanzey, NH	Beulah Rines	Bert Thompson	Bertha Marsh
10-01-08	Keene, NH	Ruel Weston	Unknown	Unknown
10-05-08	Keene, NH	Cory Colburn	Brian Colburn	Sheila LaPointe
10-07-08	Keene, NH	Robert Huckins	Clifton Huckins	Florence Carson
10-09-08	Swanzey, NH	Flora Chamberlain	Fred Whittemore	Anabell Murray
10-12-08	Winchester, NH	Olive Smith	John Quimby	Jennie Mushreau

DEATHS 2008 (continued)

Date	Place	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
10-22-08	Lebanon, NH	Lawrence Alley Sr.	Stillman Alley	Elizabeth Seavy
10-25-08	Swanzey, NH	Ashley Hartwich	David Hartwich	Jennifer Galick
10-26-08	Winchester, NH	Guy Sheldon	Charles Sheldon	Mary Sheldon
10-30-08	Lebanon, NH	Andrew-John St. Jean	John St. Jean	Bridgette Munday
11-01-08	Swanzey, NH	Maryann Chiildress	John Blaskiewicz	Elvira Mena
11-11-08	Swanzey, NH	Roxanne Kreyling	Charles Armstrong II	Gladys Meron
11-12-08	Lebanon, NH	Joy Cole	Thomas Cole	Barbara Kerr
12-10-08	Keene, NH	Albert Daniel	Albert Daniel	Lena LaFountain
12-10-08	Swanzey, NH	Fred Bonnett, Jr	Fred Bonnett, Sr	Patricia Couture
12-21-08	Keene, NH	Homer Roy	Wilfred Roy	Lucy Michaud
12-24-08	Swanzey, NH	Roland Lazzaro	Guido Lazzaro	Rosa Jacob
12-29-08	Keene, NH	Barbara Kingsbury	Kenneth Roy	Florine Williamson

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DATE	NAME	AGE
02-18-08	Louis Dwight Preston	
03-23-08	Edwin L. Martin, Jr	80
04-05-08	Joan Patria	
05-06-08	Reginald M. Venn	90
06-01-08	Gordon W. Bemis, Jr	78
06-06-08	Beverly Putnam	78
06-07-08	Ryan S. Frazier	
06-08-08	Sara J. Buckley	
06-26-08	Lola M. Nash	94
09-10-08	Bernard A. Depina	79
09-17-08	Marian H. Moriarty	71
10-03-08	Emily L. Hamilton	101
11-19-08	Walter Michelson	
12-06-08	Russell W. Ball	82

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